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AD HOC COMMITTEE – PARKLAND PRESERVATION
OCTOBER 25, 2010

Chairman Shay Nagarsheth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Committee Members Mary Teicholz and Fred Visconti, Corporation Counsel Robert Yamin, Director of Planning Dennis Elpern, petitioner William Montgomery of Parkland Preservation, Lin Murray Chairperson, Conservation Commission, Patricia Weiner member, Conservation Commission and Sandy Moy Director, Tarrywile Park

Chairman Nagarsheth noted the continued meeting and asked Mr. Yamin to recap. Mr. Yamin said the Parkland Preservation Committee has been working this for 3 years with the goal of adding an extra layer of protection to the parks. Through the efforts of the Director of Planning they designed amendments to the Code to protect Tarrywile Park. These changes will be cumulative. Any "use" changes will be subject to new amendments. Mr. Elpern addressed the changes shown in the attachment (see: Proposed Revisions to the Danbury Code Article V. Tarrywile Park Authority)

Mr. Visconti had questions about the Master Plan. Mr. Elpern said they are changing the procedure for the future, but the existing master plan is not repealed.

Ms. Weiner asked if any of the revisions pertain to other parks owned by the City. Mr. Montgomery said originally it was for all five major parks, but the committee decided to focus on Tarrywile as the largest.

Mr. Montgomery asked if 'use' could be further restricted. Mr. Elpern said that's the responsibility of the TPA. Future development has to comply with the master plan, but the City Council has the ultimate authority to decide sale or development of the land.

> **Councilwoman Teicholz moved to recommend to the full Council adoption of proposed amendments to the Danbury Code of Ordinances Article 5 (Tarrywile Park Authority) with additions and deletions agreed to in this ad hoc with intent to strengthen protection of Tarrywile Park). Seconded by Mr. Visconti.**
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> ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Visconti moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Teicholz. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting ended at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shay Nagarsheth, Chairman

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Mary Teicholz

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Fred Visconti