

**City Of Worcester
NELSON PLACE SCHOOL**

**Public Hearing Minutes
March 31, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

Nelson Place School Presentation

- Julie Lynch made opening introductions and project overview and proceeded to field questions from those in attendance, noted as follows:
 - Concerns about neighbors being contacted and notified about meetings. Julie noted there is the Nelson Place school website, the Mayor's website, letters issued to the abutters and flyers left with a neighbor for local distribution.
 - Assumption land was proposed as a joint use rectangular field for NPS, community sport groups, and Assumption College, with vehicular access and parking at Nelson Place School and pedestrian access from Romola Ave. and Assumption College.
 - City noted that taking portions of the backyards from four houses would be needed to minimize slopes and provide an environmental fit for the project. One neighbor noted water was a problem in his basement.
 - One neighbor asked if a fence would be installed around the property and what buffer zones are being considered
 - One neighbor suggested leaving the woods at the proposed field as natural for nature trails and environmental studies by both NPS and Assumption College rather than a practice field. JL reiterated the land was not owned by the City.
- TCCMA reviewed project schedule noting work is now in the Feasibility Study phase and we are still on schedule although some time extension has been included for this portion of the project.
- Lamoureux Pagano Architects (LPA) – Rob Para provided a presentation that included spacial design layout and wetland information.
 - He noted that their consultants are still in the process of defining the wetlands.
 - Neighbors made several comments that they did not want a field on the Assumption land and that it would result in cutting down all the trees and problems with drainage runoff from the site.
 - Strong dislike from the neighbors for a rectangular field, and suggested putting the field elsewhere in the City.
 - The neighbors noted that the Assumption College had been denied previously to construct the field in the proposed site and now if the field is granted and built, Assumption College would next want to build the track, and then install lights and then want to install bleachers. Noise from field activities after dark was a concern.
 - Neighbors stated the site should be left natural and NO rectangular field development should be allowed. The City noted that they are anticipating emergency access/egress for NPS over Assumption land.
 - The neighbors suggested a smaller footprint for a new building (taller, possibly 3 stories) would have lesser impact on the site development.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

- Neighbors questioned construction vehicle access to the site and whether there would be a problem with the existing building and or damage to neighbors' homes if blasting was necessary.

Upcoming Meetings

- The next **Public Hearing** is scheduled for:
 - Monday, May 19th, 7:00 to 8:30pm at Nelson Place School.
- **VOTE** on the **Preferred Schematic Report** will take place at the next Nelson Place School Building Committee Meeting, which is scheduled for:
 - Monday, June 2nd, 7:00-8:30pm at Nelson Place School