



Lowell City Council

Neighborhoods SC With Zoning SC Minutes

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Date: May 13, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Lowell Catholic High School (single story building)
530 Stevens Street, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Cirillo, C. Leahy, C. Nuon, C. Milinazzo and C. Kennedy. Others present were C. Mercier, Shauna Forcier (Neighborhood Services), M. Samaras and Chief Winward (LFD).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Cirillo called the meeting to order noting it was being held with Zoning SC and that the neighborhood group would be holding their meeting first. C. Milinazzo commented on the many meetings of the Zoning SC regarding rental ordinance and that they are still in the process of gathering information to update language and enforcement ability.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Cirillo opened meeting to public for questions and discussion. Discussion ensued between owners of multi-unit homes and residents of various neighborhoods regarding State Sanitary Code adherence and restrictions placed on owners under the Fair Housing Act. Discussion regarding policies of the Housing Court and what is needed to adhere to ordinances. C. Kennedy questioned procedures in the Housing Court. There were discussions regarding tenant issues and how the courts treat them with preference. C. Milinazzo noted that there was a hotline established to receive complaints as well as an increased presence on the City website. C. Mercier noted all people need to know the rules and to follow the rules. There was continued discussion regarding ordinance limiting amount of people able to live in units and how it interacts with State Sanitary Code and that changes to ordinance should be constructed to come more in line with State Code. Discussion over student housing and impact on community was put forward covering educating all parties regarding zoning. Chief Winward commented on housing in terms of public safety. C. Milinazzo recognized that City would most likely be following State Code and that ordinances should be updated to ensure neighborhoods



are protected and that enforcement is enhanced. M. Samaras noted effort of the City in resolving issues. C. Nuon noted effort of subcommittees. C. Cirillo provided closing comments.

ADOURNMENT:

Motion "To Adjourn" by C. Milinazzo, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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