

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 21, 2016

At 6:30 PM, in the absence of Mayor Sullivan, City Advancement Officer Joe Mitchell gave a briefing to the full Council of items on current agenda under Communications from the Mayor.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 7:00 PM by President Bean.

The City Clerk called the roll. All thirteen Councilors were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, it was
VOTED: That the record of the meeting of January 7, 2016 be ACCEPTED.

President Bean asked if anyone, other than Channel 15, was taping the meeting, if so please state your name. No one was taping the meeting.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Frank Mills, 47 Overlook Drive. He informed the Council that the broadcast from the last Council meeting (January 7th, 2016) was not rebroadcast on the following Sunday as it usually is and would like this issue addressed in order to keep the open communication lines. Also he questioned if minutes should be taken during the Mayor's briefing and if minutes are not taken is it a violation of the Open Meeting Laws. He also commented about an application to the Community Preservation Committee from a church on Park Square as to whether or not the City should be responsible to bail them out of their financial needs. He also disagreed with a comment made at the last Council meeting relative to naming a portion of the bike trail after the former executive director. He also commented on the reconstruction of Western Ave that would include a bike lane and that the bike lane is not necessary because the college students will not use it.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Fiore Grassetti of Springfield, a representative of the AFL-CIO, requesting Council to support a proposed Resolution by Councilor Dondley relative to opposing the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Brian Hoose, 60 Arnold Street. He informed the Council that he was referring to the newest finished area of the bike trail to be named after the former executive director, not the Western

Ave bike lane designation area.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Don Fitzgerald of Lenox. He requested the Council to support the appointment of Mr. Don Torrico as Building Superintendent. He informed the Council that Mr. Torrico is a qualified, professional building inspector and should be appointed to the position.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, it was
VOTED: That items A, B, and C. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda:

- A. Appropriation of \$2,600.00 from the Municipal Building Insurance Fund #8305-340000 to the Public Properties, Purchase of Services account #1192000-520000.
- B. Appropriation of \$50,000.00 from the Waste Water Inflow & Infiltration Undesignated account to SWWT Inflow & Infiltration-Annual Appropriation account #67004400-580841.
- C. Transfer of \$3,596.00 within the Collector's Department from General Expense/Other Charges account #11460000-578000 to Out of Grade account #11460000-514200.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That items D. and E. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda:

- D. Submitting a Resolution amendment to the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Southwick for the treatment and disposal of wastewater.
- E. Submitting an Order approving an Interdepartmental Agreement in the form of a ground lease and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement between the City of Westfield and Westfield Gas & Electric.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was
VOTED: That items F., G., H., I., J. and K. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO PERSONNEL ACTION COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda:

- F. Submitting the reappointment of Mark Cressotti as City Engineer for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019.
- G. Submitting the reappointment of John E. Sullivan, 18 Crestwood Circle as a member of the Board of Public Works for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019.
- H. Submitting the reappointment of Michael J. Burns, 19 Kylie Lane as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019.

- I. Submitting the appointment of Rebecca Clark, 225 Sackett Road as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of January, 2019, replacing Cathy Clemmitt.
- J. Submitting the appointment of Jeanine Fiedler Braceland, 15 Waterford Drive as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of January, 2019, replacing Scott DeMuisis.
- K. Submitting the appointment of Thomas S. Woodson, 112 Squawfield Road as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term to expire the first Monday of March, 2021, replacing Dena Hall.

Mr. Joe Mitchell, City Advancement Officer and also Executive Director of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority (WRA) gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the Elm Street Urban Renewal Plan. He reviewed the Urban Renewal Plan approved in June of 2013 for the newly elected Councilors that were not present when the plan was approved. He informed the Council it is now the job of the WRA to acquire the land and execute the plan. A copy of the powerpoint presentation is attached.

A Public Hearing was held on an application submitted HCT Second Hand Inc, 68 Court Street, Thang Dac Bui, owner, applying for a Junk Dealer's license and a Junk Collector's license. Mr. Bui was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that his proposed business is to buy and sell second hand items, nothing in particular. He gave for an example if someone wanted to sell a TV he would buy it, clean it up and then sell it. Councilor Surprise questioned if he would be running a pawn shop. Mr. Bui informed the Council that it would not be a pawn shop. Councilor O'Connell question if the location of 68 Court Street was across from the YMCA. He informed her that it is across from the YMCA. Ms. Ruth Murphy, 14 Noble Avenue questioned where customers will park. Mr. Bui informed her that there is parking on the side streets and in the back. Mr. Charles Smith, 7 Noble Avenue questioned the parking next door and informed him that the YMCA customers park on the side of the street. Mr. Smith questioned if there would be large trucks dropping off items, would there be cleaning products or chemicals or any painting done on premises. Mr. Bui informed him that there would be no chemicals or painting done on the premises and no large trucks. Mr. Bui informed the Council that there are three parking spaces in the back of the building. Councilor Allie questioned if the building was a home prior to him buying it. Mr. Bui informed him that it was a lawyer's office on the first floor and someone is living on the third floor. Mr. Bui informed the Council that people would come in with their stuff and he would buy it, the items would not be held on consignment. It would not be a pawn shop. Councilor O'Connell questioned what his plans are for the second floor. He informed her he wasn't sure yet. Councilor Flaherty expressed his concern relative to retail buying and selling in that location. Councilor Flaherty informed him that the area is better used for professional offices and that Elm Street would be a more appropriate location for buying and selling of items. Ms. Kathy Killela, 7 Noble Avenue questioned where would customers park once the three spaces

out back were full. Mr. Bui informed him that the land behind the house can be made into a parking lot. Councilor Surprise expressed his concern with the parking situation and the crosswalk near a day care center at the YMCA. Councilor Dondley questioned if he would lease out any space in the building. Mr. Bui informed him he was not sure because he has only owned the building for two months. Councilor VanHeynigen questioned what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Bui informed him it would be 7:00 AM to 4 or 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Councilor Onyski questioned if anything would be for sale outside. He informed him everything would be inside. Councilor Allie questioned if he had met with the Chief of Police relative to this application. Mr. Bui informed him that he had not. Councilor Babinski questioned if he would be limiting the types and sizes of items to buy and sell. Mr. Bui informed the Council that there would not be real big items, maybe a TV size.

Mr. James McCarthy of Feeding Hills, owner of 3 Noble Avenue, spoke in opposition of the application. He informed the Council that he sold 68 Court Street to the previous owner, Attorney Pesto, and he allowed Attorney Pesto to park behind the building because he owns that property, but he would not allow Mr. Bui to use that land for parking for his business, so that would leave only one parking space the Mr. Bui owns. Ms. Karen Aborjaily, 60 Court Street, spoke in opposition of the application. She informed the Council that the area should be used for professional services, not retail of junk. Ms. Ruth Murphy, 14 Noble Avenue spoke in opposition of the application. Mr. Charles Smith, 7 Noble Avenue spoke in opposition.

With no one else appearing to be heard the Public Hearing was CLOSED and upon motion of Councilor Knapik, it was VOTED: That the application be REFERRED TO LICENSE COMMITTEE and it was further VOTED: that the application be also REFERRED TO ROUND TABLE.

A Public Hearing was held on an application submitted by Furniture Recyclers, 1029 North Road, Wayne Petlock, owner, applying for a Junk Dealer's License and a Junk Collector's License.

Mr. Wayne Petlock was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that this would be an expansion of his existing business on Elm Street. He informed the Council that the business is mostly furniture and he needs more space for the larger pieces. Councilor O'Connell questioned if he would be leaving the Elm Street location. Mr. Petlock informed the Council that he would not be leaving Elm Street, he would keep the smaller pieces of furniture at that location and the larger ones at 1029 North Road location.

Mr. Warner Gosels, owner of the Hampton Ponds Plaza at 1029 North Road, spoke in favor of the application. Councilor Allie informed the Council that the Elm Street location has quality furniture and is excited he is expanding the business and that it is not "junk". Mr. Matt Roman, 1291 East Mountain Road spoke in favor of the application.

With no one else appearing to be heard the Public Hearing was CLOSED and upon motion of Councilor Knapik, it was

VOTED: That the application be REFERRED TO LICENSE COMMITTEE

A Public Hearing was held on a petition submitted by Councilor Figy to delete Zoning Ordinance Section 4-110 relative to the Planning Board Special Permit for alcohol sales/service within 500' of a church or school.

Councilor Figy was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that currently there is a two-tier system for an application for a liquor license, it goes to the Planning Board first if it is within 500 ft of a school or church and then to the License Commission if approved by the Planning Board. He informed the Council that Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) authorizes the City's License Commission to grant liquor licenses locally and then it is sent to the State ABCC for final approval. And that the process of having an applicant go to the Planning Board is redundant and they do not have the legislative authority to do that. He informed the Council that all liquor license applications have public hearings with the License Commission and churches and schools are notified within 500 ft. Councilor Figy informed the Council that retired License Commission Secretary Denise Carey informed him that Attorney Kelly from the ABCC informed her that a denial of a license from the Planning Board would be held up because it conflicts with State law. Councilor Bean questioned the recommendation from the Planning Board on this application. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the Planning Board voted 5 in favor and 2 opposed to recommend to delete Sect. 4-110 of the zoning ordinance. Councilor Flaherty expressed his concern that the Planning Board has discretion on where certain types of businesses should be located in the City and that the zoning ordinance Section 4-110 should not be deleted. Councilor VanHeynigen expressed his concern that it unfair for the applicant to have two layers of applications. He also questioned if this ordinance has always been enforced. Councilor Figy informed him that it has not always been enforced. It was discovered recently by the City Planner that this section exists. Councilor Allie questioned what would this change. Councilor Figy informed him it would delete the requirement of the applicant applying to the Planning Board. Councilor Babinski question what is redundant and are the same rules and regulations relative to schools and churches in the zoning ordinance the same as the local licensing authorities. Councilor Figy informed her that the License Commission, the local licensing authority, holds public hearings on all applications and churches and schools are notified and if an application is approved locally, the state ABCC comes out and does an inspection.

Mr. Carl Vincent, 81 South Maple Street, questioned if it is possible to have a home rule dual regulation and when did the ordinance become effective. President Bean allowed Community Director Peter Miller to answer. Mr. Miller informed the Council that the ordinance became effective in 1990. Councilor Flaherty questioned if the Charter has priority. Councilor Flaherty questioned if there could be an executive session with the City's law department to get answers to questions and that the answers be held until after the law suits that are ongoing relative to this zoning ordinance are settled. Councilor Figy informed him that he was not sure about that.

Attorney Brad Moir spoke in favor of the application and is representing the people bringing the law suit against the City relative to the zoning ordinance Section 4-110. He informed the Council that no other establishments have ever come forward to get this permit. He informed the Council that the City Planner came across this ordinance when Laura Parker, owner of Nu-Corner Variety and Pleasant Street Market was applying for permits to sell beer and wine. She applied for the Special Permit with the Planning Board and was denied. Attorney Moir informed the Council that he has brought this appeal to the land court but feels the appropriate action is to have the ordinance section 4-110 deleted.

Mr. Carl Vincent, 81 South Maple Street spoke in opposition to the petition.

Councilor Onyski disclosed that as a previous Planning Board member he is part of the ongoing law suit and will confer with the Law Department whether his participation as a Councilor on this matter would be a conflict of interest.

With no others appearing to be heard, the Public Hearing was CLOSED and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the petition be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was
VOTED: That a Resolution for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan for Advance Mfg. Co be ALLOWED TO BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Finance Committee, it was
VOTED: That the Capital Improvement Plan for 2016-2020 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE and that a schedule will be set up for department heads to come to the Finance Committee meeting to explain their capital plan submissions.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$7,448.00 be transferred from Police Department Overtime FY16 account #12100000-513000 to Police Department Traffic Supervisors' Part-Time Hourly account #12930000-511110.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	No
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor VanHeynigen informed the Council that the Finance Committee was going to hold the item in committee because of the many questions regarding the installation of the crosswalk from Day Avenue across West Silver Street to Abner Gibbs. President Bean allowed Police Chief John Camerota to address the Council. Chief Camerota explained that the funds are needed to pay the crossing guard at that crosswalk. Councilor O'Connell questioned the legality of the installation of that crosswalk. The Chief informed the Council that would be for the Council to determine. Councilor O'Connell informed the Council that the crosswalk cannot be justified and should not be funded. Councilor Knapik informed the Council that the Fort Meadow School does not have a crosswalk because the parking was changed to park all on the same side of the school. He informed the Council that the Abner Gibbs parents were dropping their children off at the Day Avenue area and crossing West Silver Street at that point. They were not walking down to the controlled intersection of Pleasant Street crossing West Silver Street. Since that was the pattern of the parents the crosswalk was installed for their safety. And once it was installed it needed a crossing guard.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield for Authorization to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement with both the Town of West Springfield and the City of Holyoke for a Carbon Credit Development consulting Service Agreement REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That a Resolution Authorizing a Joint Purchasing cooperative between the City of Westfield and the Town of Southwick for a fixed water meter network request for proposals be ADOPTED.

Councilor Flaherty was OPPOSED.

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he was opposed because they should be using the electric meters to track the water. Councilor Figy informed the Council that that process never materialized to have the electric meters also track the water. He informed the Council that the new system would enhance the reading of the results. Councilor Paul informed the Council that the meter systems are similar but there are three separate billing systems, that all the systems could work together because the infrastructure between the City and the G&E is in place.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That an Order Releasing One Permanent and One Temporary Easements of Real Estate Taken for Roadway, Traffic and Related Improvements by Right of Eminent Domain Against the Incorrect Owner(Gaslight District Improvement Project incorrect Joseph Keenan to correct Bernard Romani) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That an Order of Taking for One Permanent and One Temporary Easements of Real Estate Taken for Roadway, Traffic and Related Improvements by Right of Eminent Domain Against the Proper Owner(Gaslight District Improvement Project incorrect Joseph Wagner to correct Park River Properties LLC) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the placement of the response by Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed, as requested at the July 2nd, 2015 meeting relative to the membership of Commission for Citizens with Disabilities be put into minutes of meeting of January 21, 2016 as permanent record.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Kathleen Deviny, 18 Noble Avenue as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2018 replacing Paul Bryne, Jr., resigned, be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Deviny is the Archives and Museum Coordinator for the Westfield Athenaeum which is committed in preserving Westfield's history. She has created a digital library, historical displays and educational tours of the Edwin Smith Historical Museum. She is also the archivist for the First United Methodist Church, a Certified Archivist by the Academy of Certified Archivists, is on the Dewey House Board of Trustees and recently on the Pine Hill Cemetery Board of Trustees and with these exceptional credentials she would be an ideal member of the Historical Committee.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Demetrios I. Kanavaros, 12 South Maple Street as a member of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities for a term to expire the first Monday of March 2018, replacing Michael Reinhagen, resigned be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Kanavaros

served as Graduate Assistant for the Department of Psychology at Westfield State College. He currently works for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the Human Rights Coordinator for all individuals living in state-operated homes in Western Mass.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Donald Torrico, 186 Egremont Plain Road, Great Barrington, MA for the position of Building Superintendent be confirmed.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	No
Steve Dondley	No
Ralph Figy	No
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	No
William Onyski	No
Robert Paul, Sr.	No
Andrew Surprise	No
Matthew VanHeynigen	No
Dan Allie	No
Mary Ann Babinski	No

The President declared the motion to confirm LOST.

Upon motion of Councilor Dondley, for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, it was

VOTED: That the application by Brothers Custom Care, Inc. 202 Union St, Parcel 42R-9 (Deed Reference: Book 9720 Page 301)/ Alan Figueroa for an amendment to a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval granted November 4, 2004, to expand motor vehicle sales to 72 cars, the Westfield City Council voted as follows on a motion for approval, with the findings and conditions herein described.

Brent Bean	Yes
Steven Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Ineligible (not at Public Hearing)
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes

Findings & Conditions

The findings and conditions of the initial Special Permit/Site Plan Approval granted November 4, 2004, for motor vehicle sales (File#C-56-04, and included with the application) are hereby reaffirmed and in force EXCEPT Condition #6b, which shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

6. b. the approved plan entitled "Site Map of 202 Union Street" revised 10-22-2015, as submitted with the application.

Appeal and Validity

Any person who feels aggrieved as a result of the Council's actions has the right of court appeal if that appeal is filed in Superior, Housing or Land Court within 20 days of the filing of this decision with the City Clerk's Office of the City of Westfield, as pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 17.

This Special Permit shall not take effect until such time as the applicant has recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds a copy of this decision bearing the certification of the City Clerk that twenty days have elapsed after the decision has been filed in the office of the City Clerk and no appeal has been filed or that if such appeal has been filed, that it has been dismissed or denied.

Unless exception is made, this Special Permit shall lapse if the substantial use or construction subject to this approval has not commenced within two years.

This permit and its conditions are enforceable by the Superintendent of Buildings, pursuant to Section 1-10.1 of the Zoning Ordinance and the penalties authorized therein.

Upon motion of Councilor Dondley, for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, it was

VOTED: That the petition of Domus Inc. to amend the zoning map at 25 Dartmouth Street (Moseley School) from Residence B & C to all Residence C REMAIN IN COMMITTEE because the Public Hearing has not been closed.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the CONTINUED Public Hearing on the petition of Domus Inc. to amend the zoning map at 25 Dartmouth Street (Moseley School) from Residence B & C to all Residence C be CLOSED.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED to act upon an item not on the Council Agenda.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3, 1987" (Zone Change at 25 Dartmouth Street (Moseley School) from

Residence B & C to all Residence C.) be given first reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Councilor Harris was OPPOSED.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, it was

VOTED: That the Assessor be REQUESTED to be present at the Finance Committee, at a meeting to be scheduled February 3, 2016 to explain the rationale, facts and data that support the a commercial property depreciation rate of 8% per year as presented by the assessor to City Council December 2015. Further, present why commercial property valuation is a cumulative 3 year policy. Further, why when there are multiple taxed property that are consolidated that the tax rate is lower than the tax rate of multiple properties owned by the same entity. Further, any additional insight that would be beneficial to the council as it considers annual tax rates and that this motion be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Dondley, it was

VOTED: That the City Council support a Resolution, as requested by the Pioneer Valley AFL-CIO, to 'call upon our elected officials in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and any similar trade deals if they fail to restructure the misguided and failed policies of the past and that the matter be REFERRED TO GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	No
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	No
William Onyski	No
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	No
Matthew VanHeynigen	No
Dan Allie	No
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes

The President declared the motion to refer to Committee LOST.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Dondley informed the Council that the AFL-CIO supports this Resolution and that all Presidential candidates opposed the TPP. Councilor Allie informed the Council that he supports the Resolution concept, but disagreed with the way it was written. Councilor O'Connell informed the Council that Resolution would have carried more weight if it was written by Councilor Dondley

instead of a template from the AFL-CIO. She informed the Council that she did not feel comfortable supporting an issue that is not within the Council's purview. She informed the Council that this issue should be for individuals to support or not to support, not for the Council. She disagreed with the Resolution. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he is opposed to the TPP but will not be a mouth piece for the AFL-CIO. He informed the Council that it is his opinion that the Resolution, as written, was insulting and this is not in the scope of the City Council to support this type of an issue. He informed the Council that individual citizens need to write their own letters of opposition. Councilor Harris also expressed her opposition to the Resolution. She informed the Council that this does not belong in the City Council, that she was voted into office to vote on City affairs and not get involved in Congressional issues. Councilor Onyski agreed that the City Council should not be taking on this type of an issue. Councilor Dondley informed the Council that the language came from AFL-CIO and that it could have local impact. He informed the Council that there are over 900 AFL-CIO members within Westfield from teachers, firefighters and other union members. President Bean reminded the Council that the Committee could look to change the language. Councilor Babinski informed the Council that she does not support TPP and that there are campaigns to go to support this issue and would like to see the Resolution rewritten. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council he would still vote no on the Resolution even if it was rewritten. After the vote to send it to Committee, Councilor Paul informed the Council that it's courtesy to move an item to Committee. Councilor Flaherty advised the losing side that have the right to ask for reconsideration. Upon motion of Councilor Dondley, from the losing side, it was VOTED: That the above item be RECONSIDERED. The President declared the motion for reconsideration LOST per the voice vote.

Upon motion of Councilor Surprise, it was VOTED: That research be done for a potential Arts and Cultural Zoning Overlay District for Downtown Westfield and that this matter be REFERRED TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the rules of the Council be SUSPENDED in order that motions not on the Agenda be allowed to be offered.

Upon motion of Councilor Babinski, it was VOTED: That the City Council acknowledge and accept for review a letter sent to the Director of the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), siting division on behalf of Ward 1 residents which respectfully requested that state agencies thoroughly review and provide written comment regarding new and unusual circumstances related the proposed siting of the PVEC power plant and its proximity to Barnes Regional Airport, the Air National Guard Base and nearby residents and be REFERRED TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	No
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	No
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	No
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	No
Dan Allie	No
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes

The President declared the motion to refer to Committee PASSED.

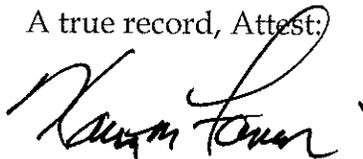
Prior to the vote, Councilor Knapik questioned the urgency of suspending the rules to allow this motion at this time. He questioned if it could wait for the next Agenda and go through the proper procedures. President Bean informed the Council that Councilor Babinski did ask if this was an appropriate motion in a timely manner for the Agenda and it was his fault for not responding in a timely manner to make it on the Agenda.

While under suspension, upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That Ward 2A polling location (Fort Meadow School) and Ward 2B polling location (South Middle School) be CHANGED to the new Westfield Senior Center at 45 Noble Street, effective for the March 1st, 2016 Presidential Primary.

Councilor Figy informed the Council that the City Clerk met with Tina Gorman and Karen Noblit from the Senior Center this past week and they informed the City Clerk that they would rearrange their activities on election days to accommodate the City in using the Senior Center as a polling location. Councilor Figy also informed the Council that the City Clerk must notify each voter in Ward 2A and Ward 2B of the change within 20 days of the election, therefore, it is imperative that this is approved tonight to meet that deadline.

At 9:35 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:



Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

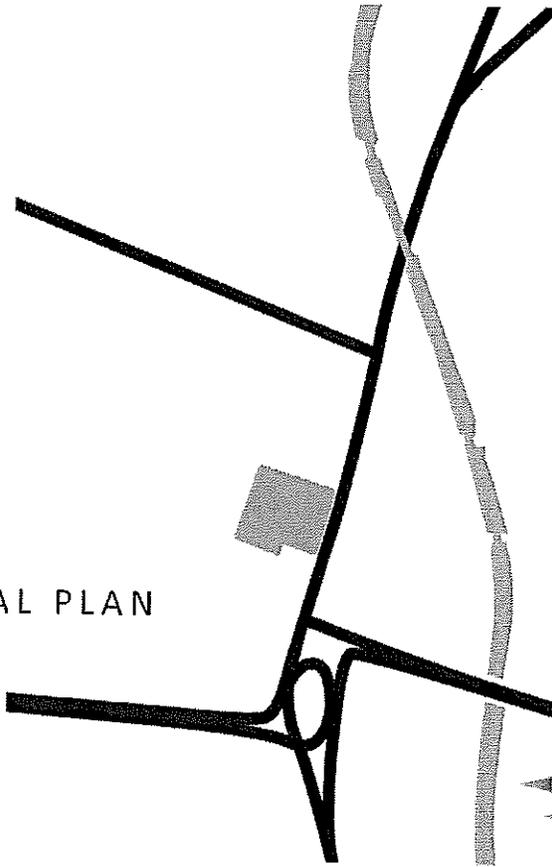
For approval JAN 29 2016
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Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

January 29 2016
Brian P. Sullivan
Brian P. Sullivan, Mayor

ELM STREET URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
Westfield, Massachusetts

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INTRODUCTIONS

City of Westfield

Joe Mitchell, City Advancement Officer

Westfield Redevelopment Authority

Kathy Witalicz, Chair

Mark Morin

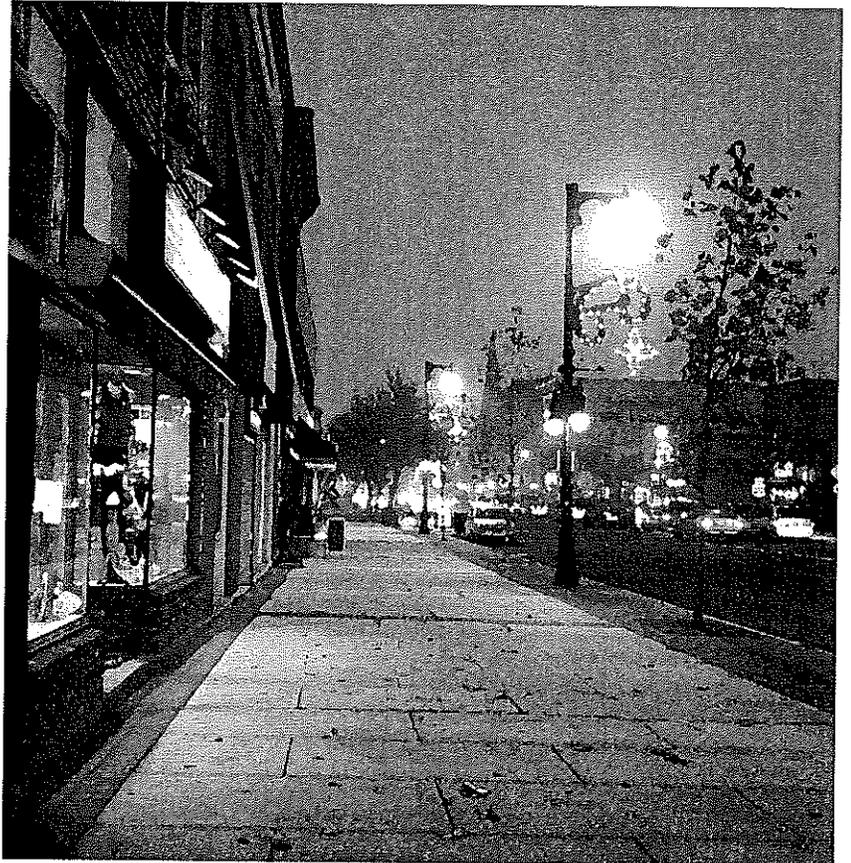
Bill Parks

Ali Salehi



AGENDA

- History
- Project Introduction
- Conceptual Design
- Where We Are Today

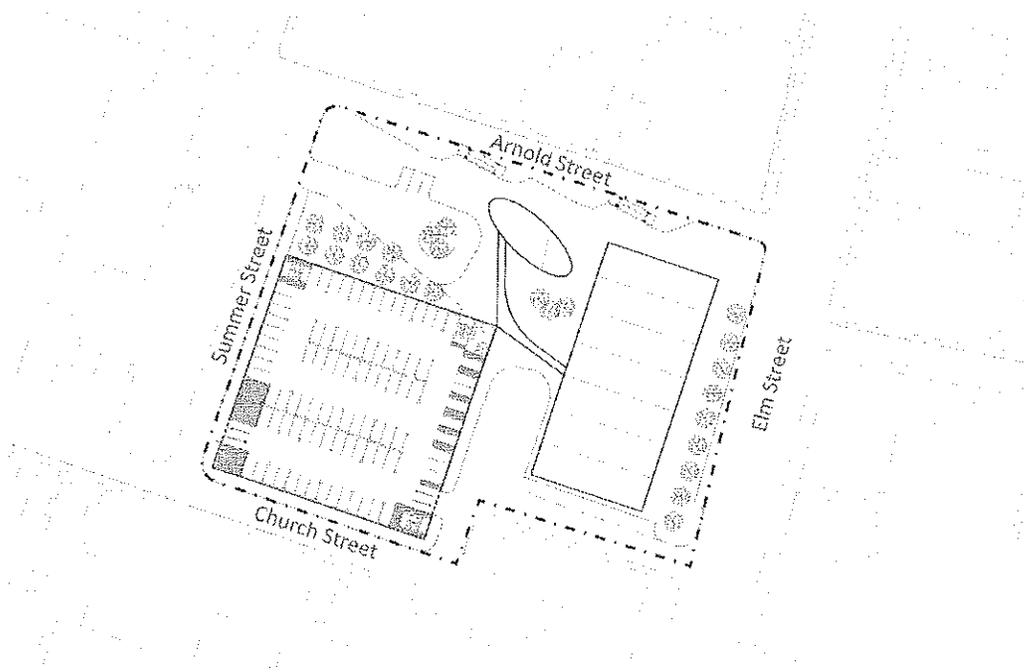


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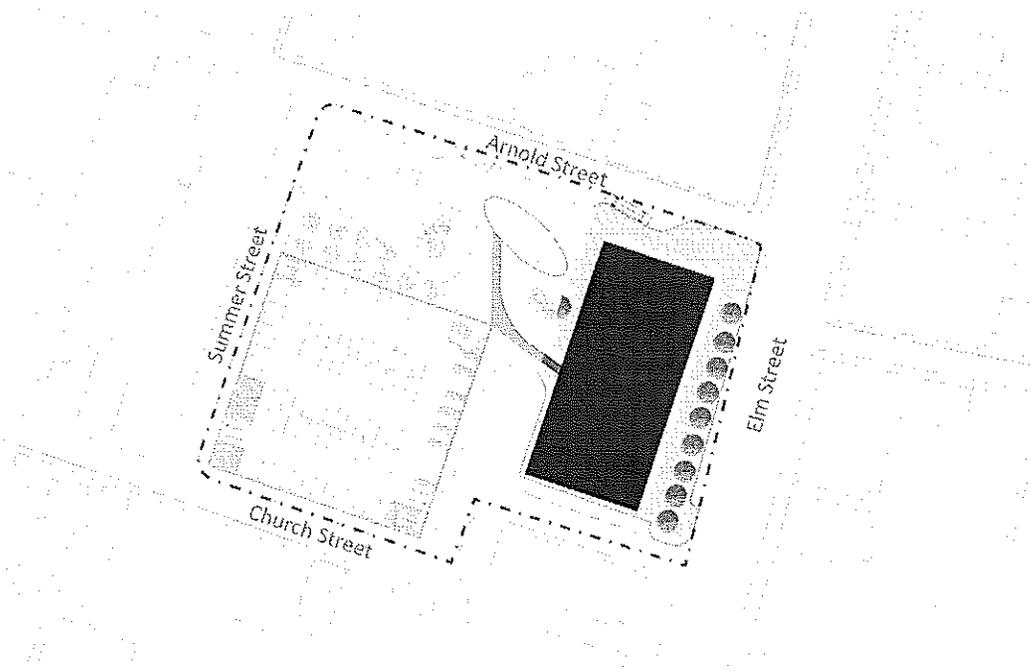
- Newberry's Fire in 1986
- Area Becomes Blighted and Decadent
- Block Building acquired through tax title
- Hampden Bank building purchased by city
- WRA Studies the Issue
 - Urban Renewal Plan
 - Approved by City Council in June 2013
 - Uniquely Suited to Execute the Plan
- Numerous follow-on Studies



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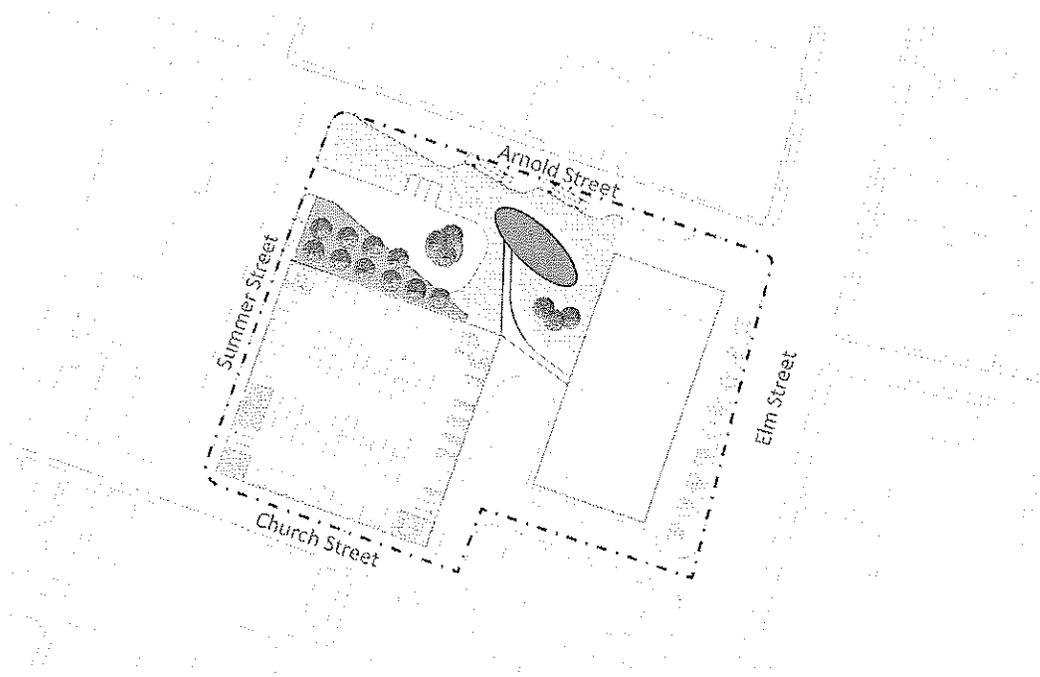
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○ *Commercial Renaissance*



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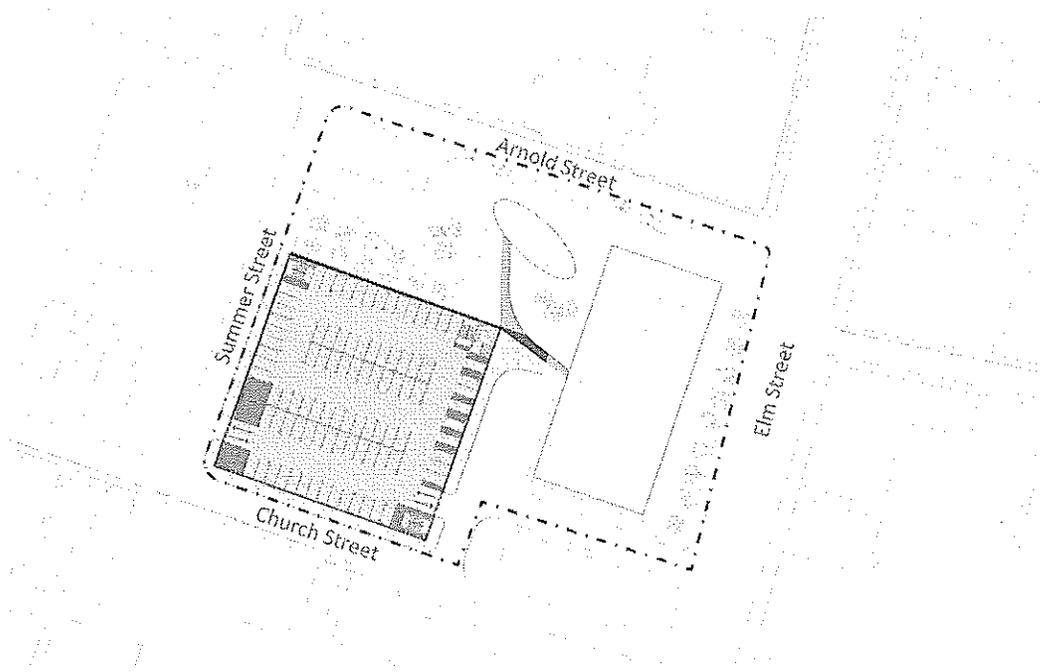


○ Commercial Renaissance

○ Transit Pavilion



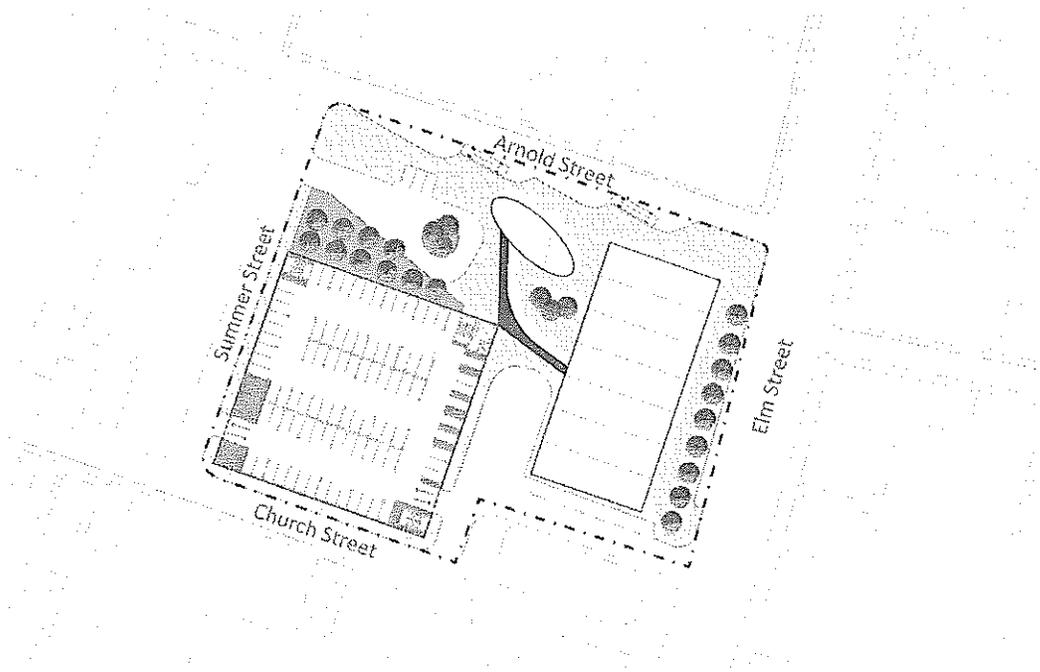
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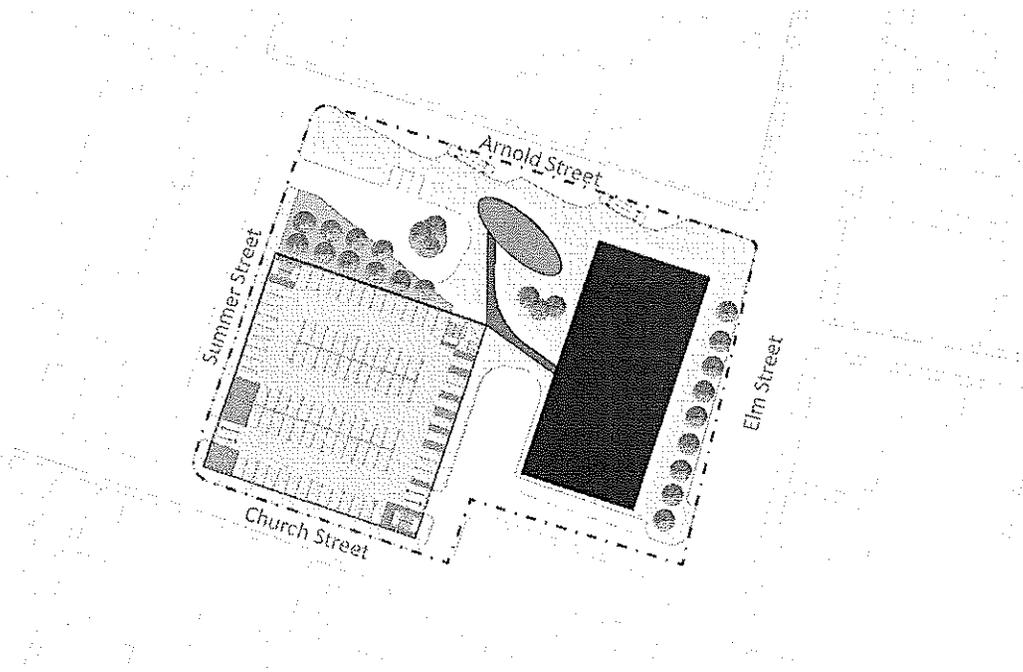
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- Commercial Renaissance
- Transit Pavilion
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- Improved Public Realm

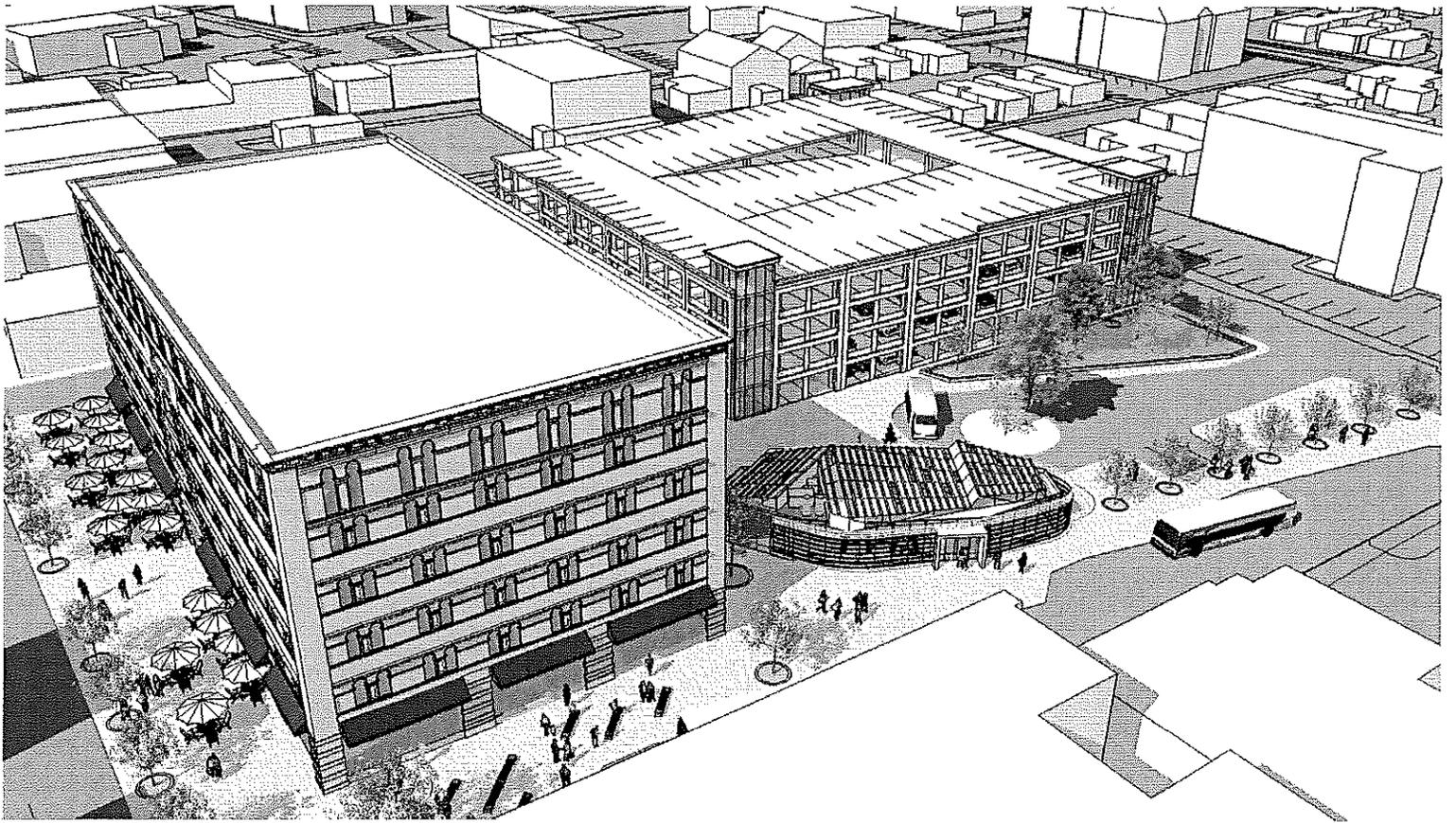


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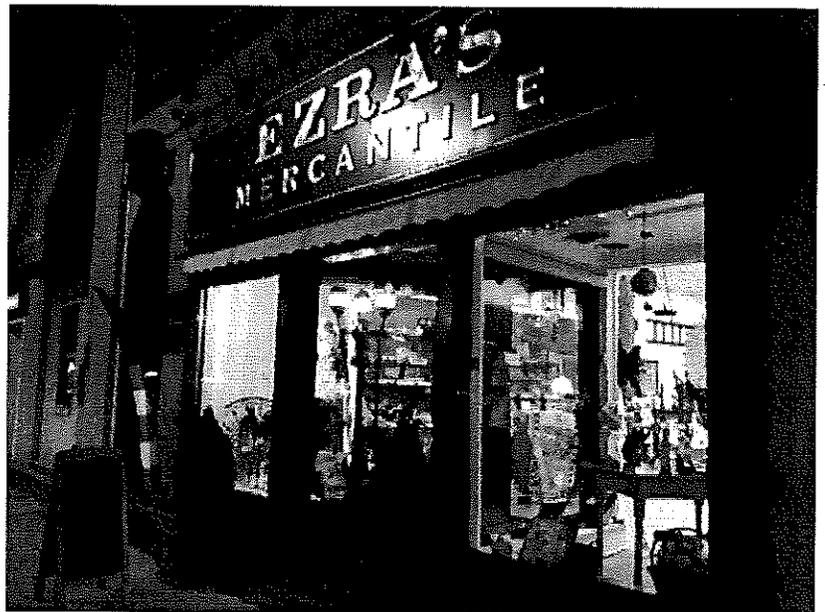
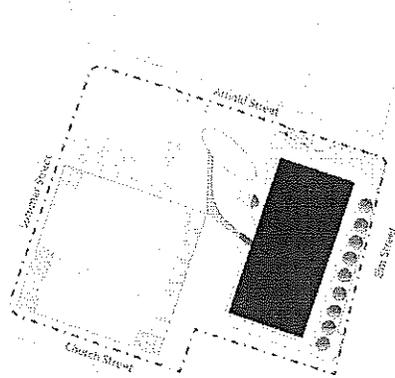
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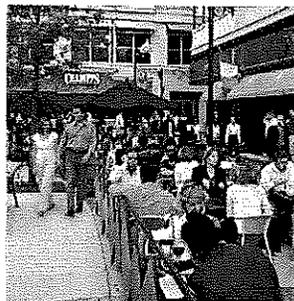
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- High Quality Restaurants
- Expanded Retail Opportunities
- Class A Office Space
- Respecting Westfield's Historic Character



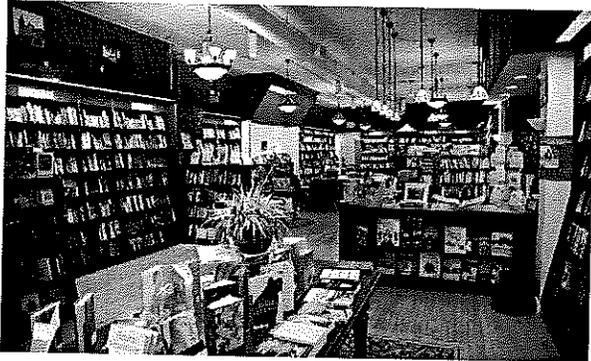
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Retail Activating Elm Street



COMMERCIAL RENAISSANCE

Channeling Thorne's Market

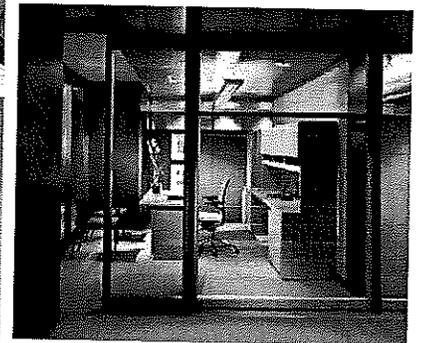
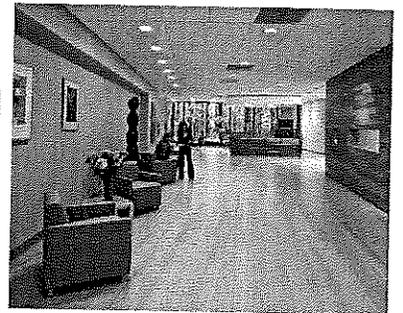
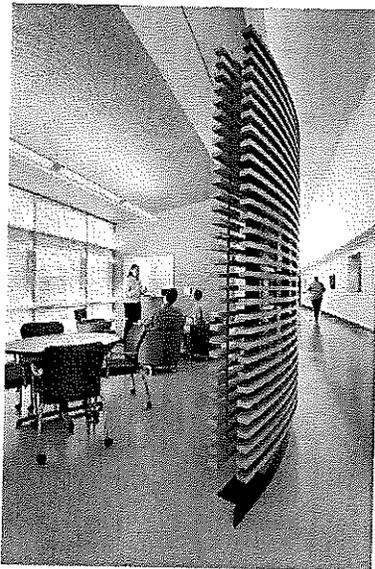




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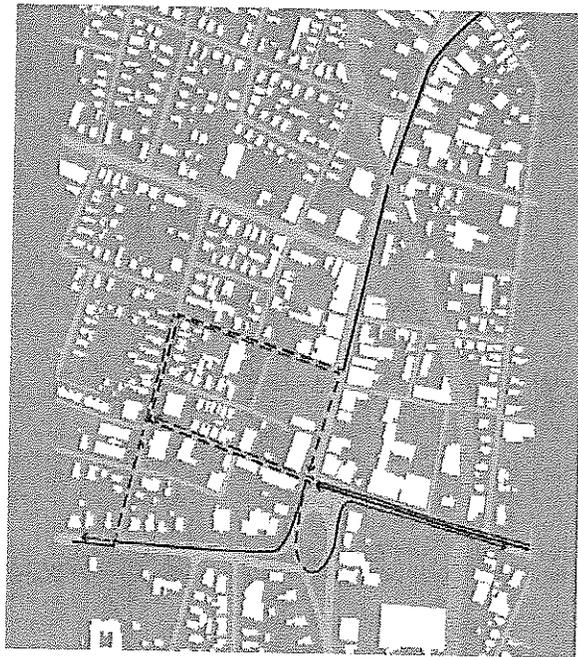
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Modern Class A Office Space



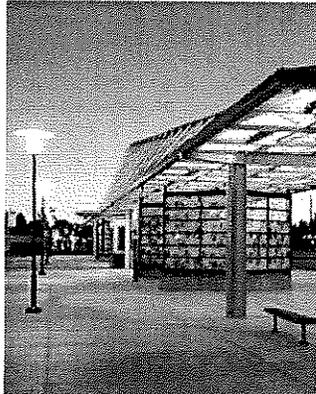
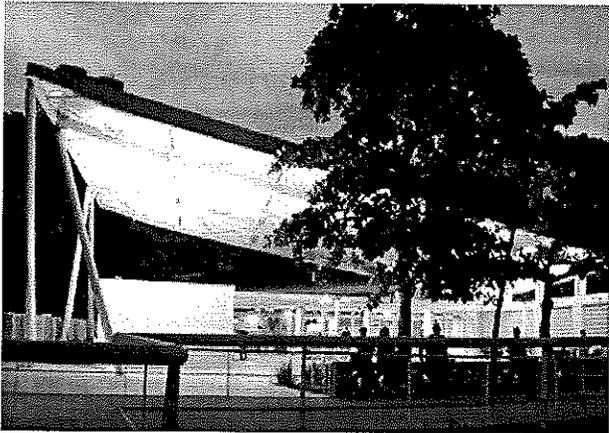
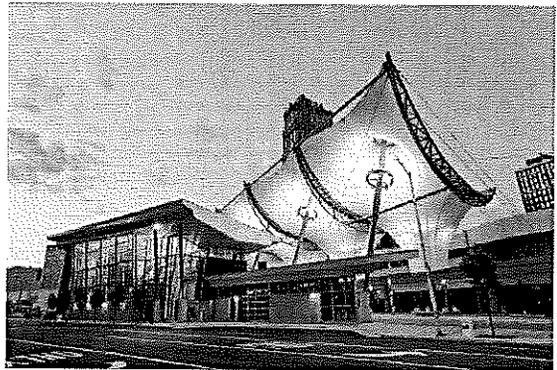
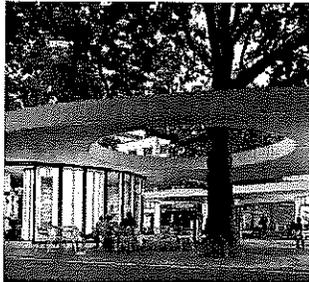
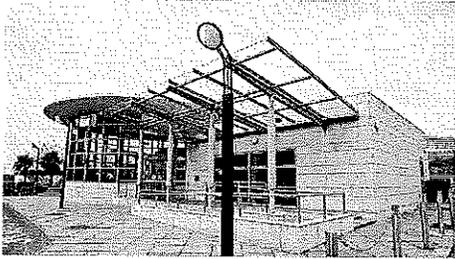
INTERMODAL CENTER

- Hub for PVTA Bus Routes
- Stop for the Owl Shuttle, Connecting Westfield State University to Downtown Westfield
- PVTA's Para Transit Service
- Bicycle Center for the Columbia Greenway

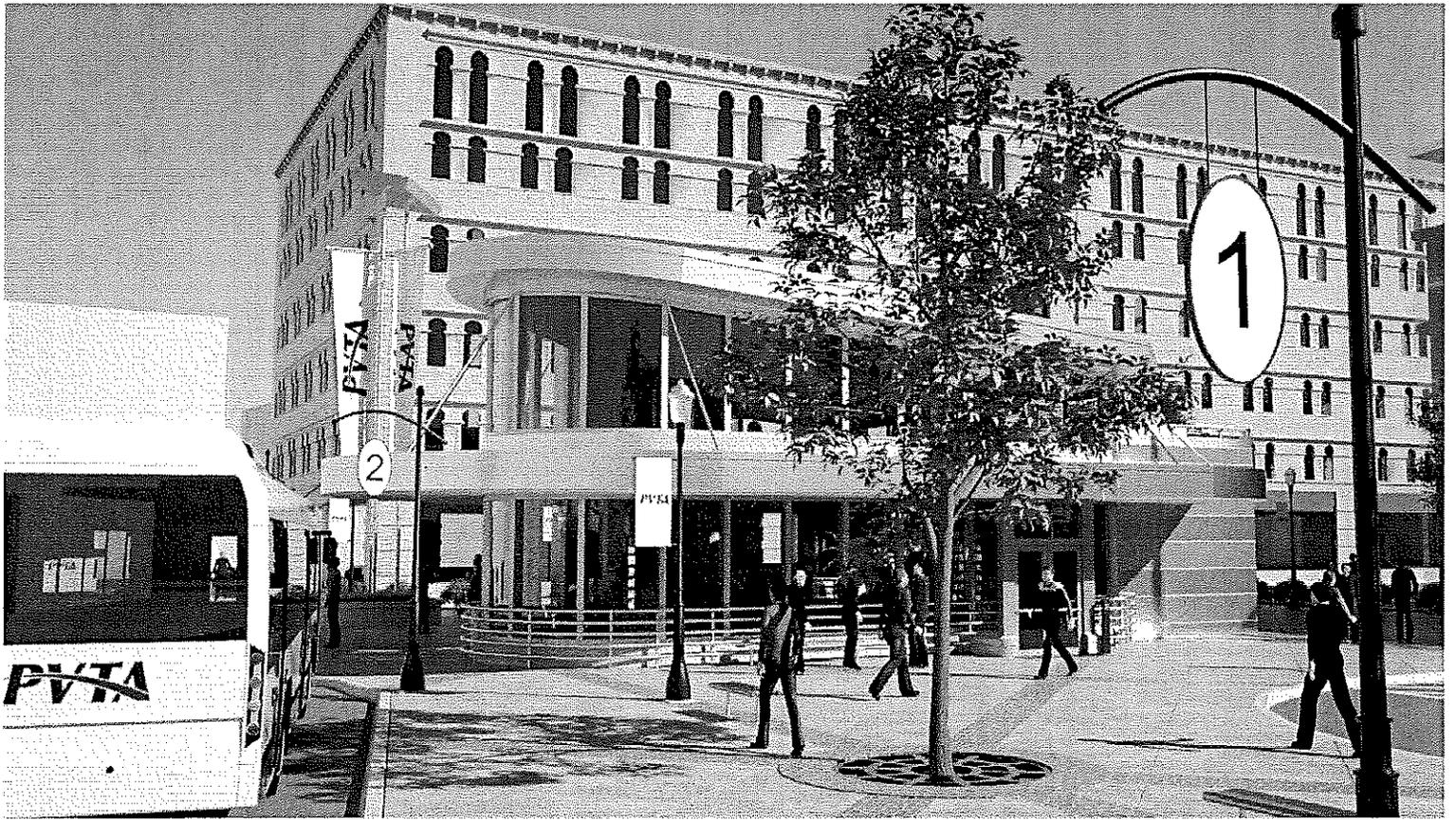


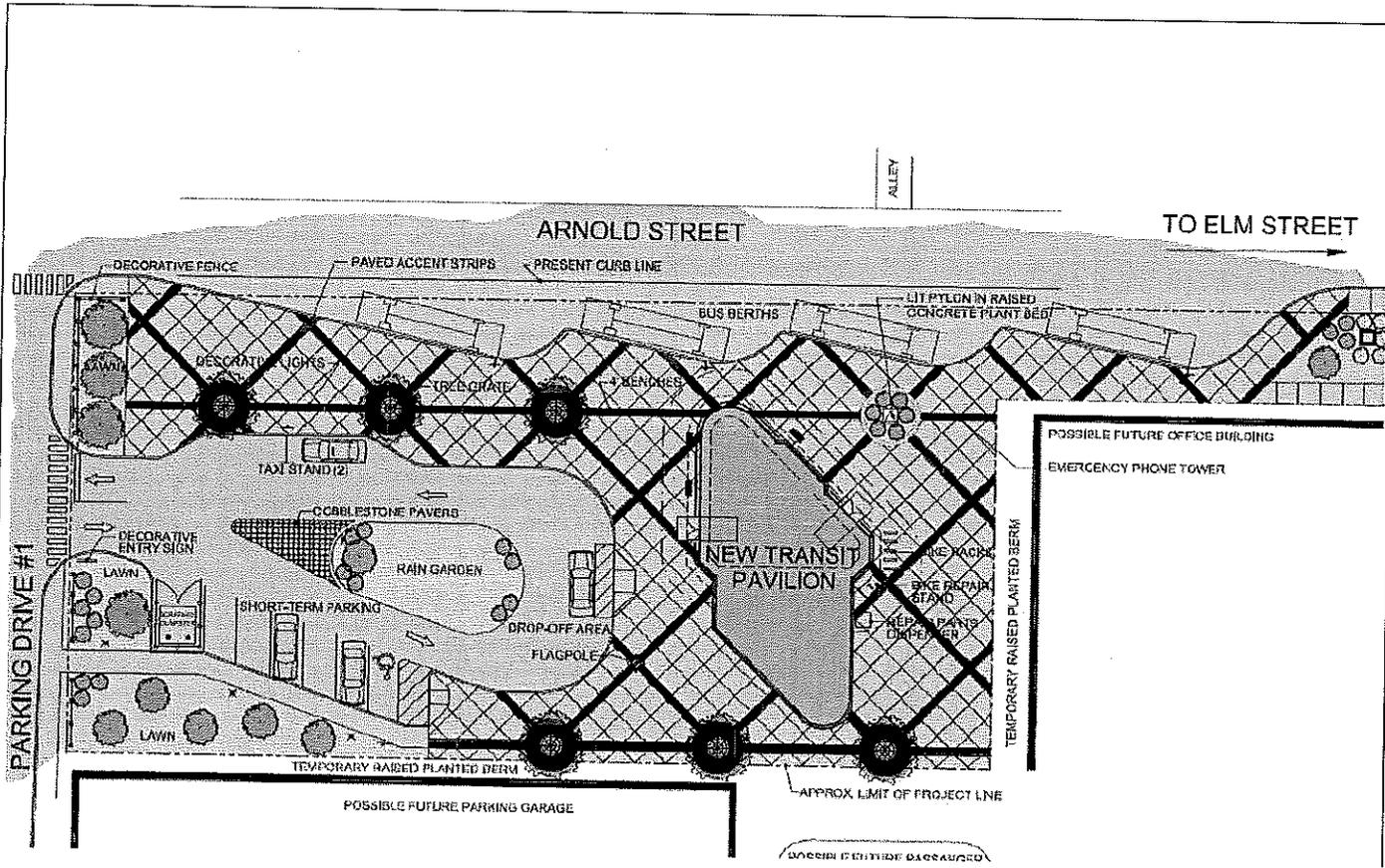
INTERMODAL CENTER

Meeting Future Transit Needs









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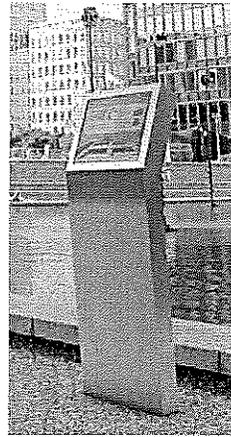
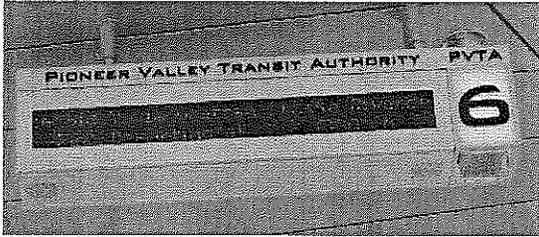
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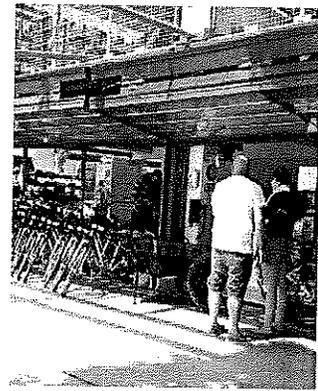
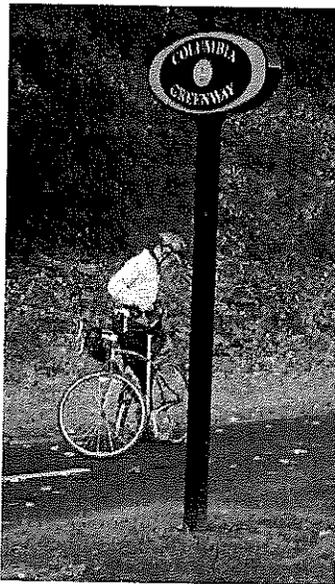
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Automated Technology



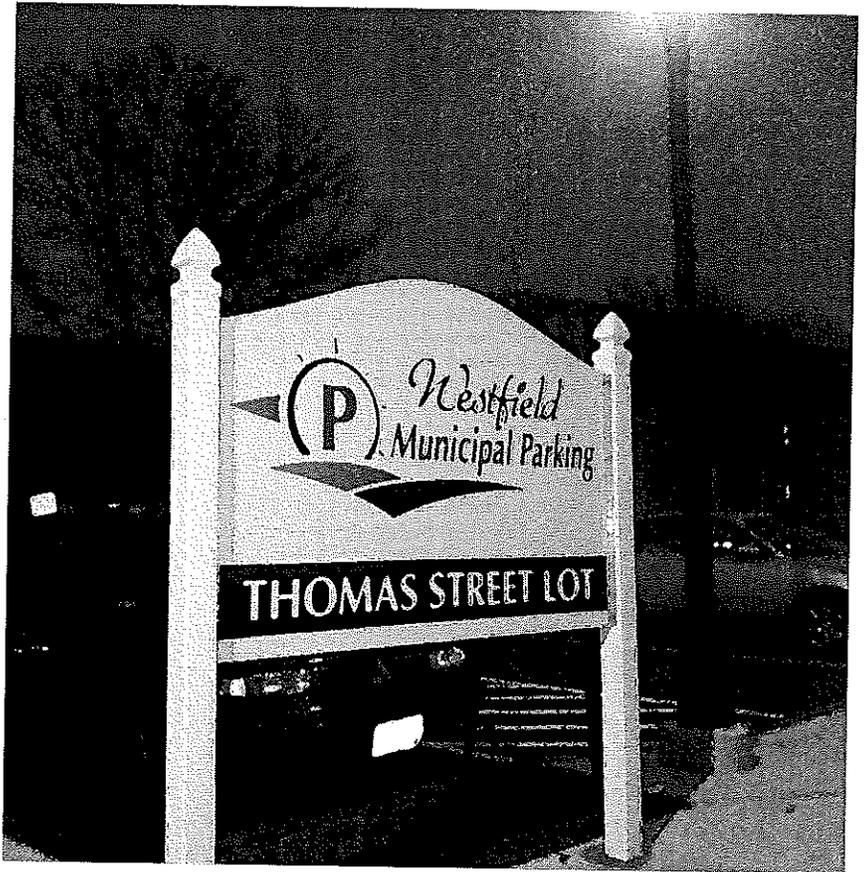
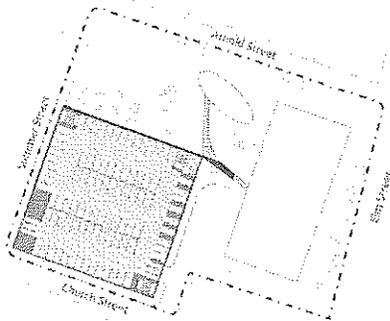
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Oasis for Bicyclists on the Columbia Greenway Trail

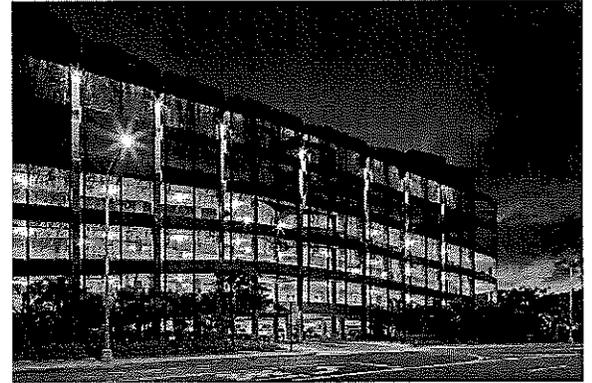
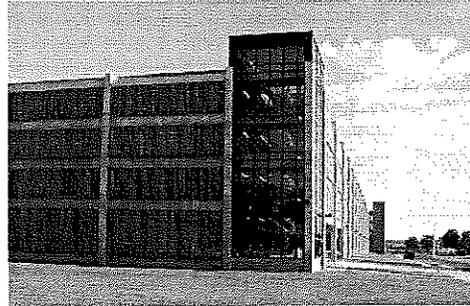
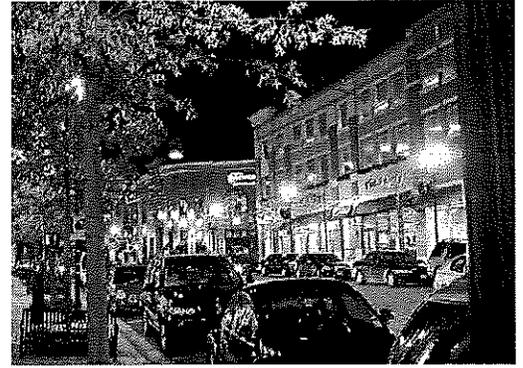
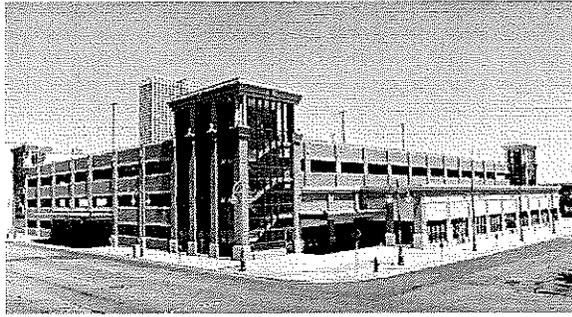
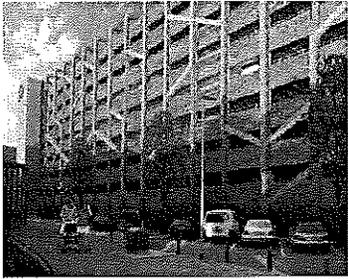


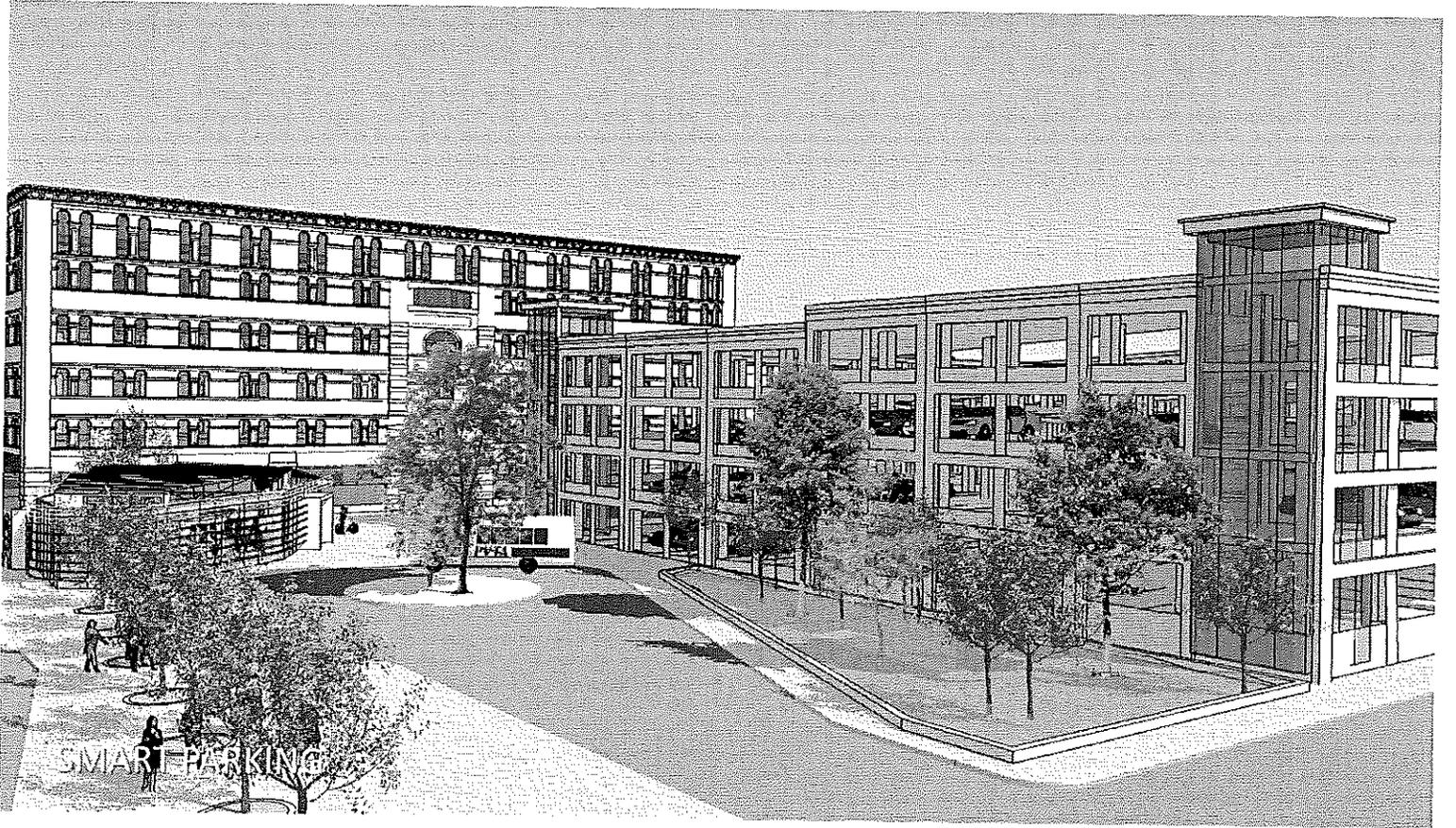
SMART PARKING

- Need for a Consolidated Parking Facility
- Parking Downtown Should be Easy and Convenient
- Parking Needed to Support Office Tenants



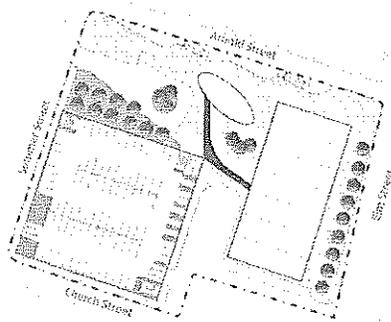
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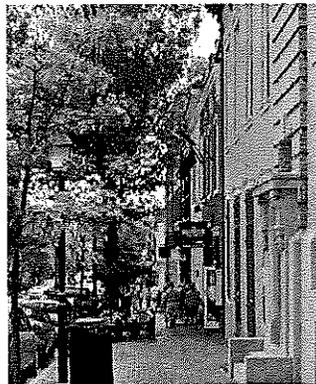
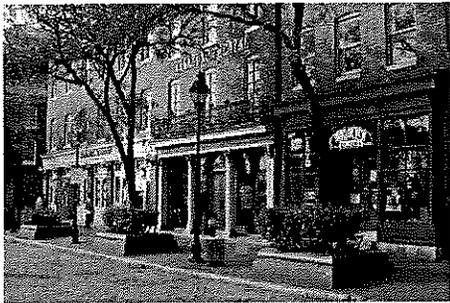


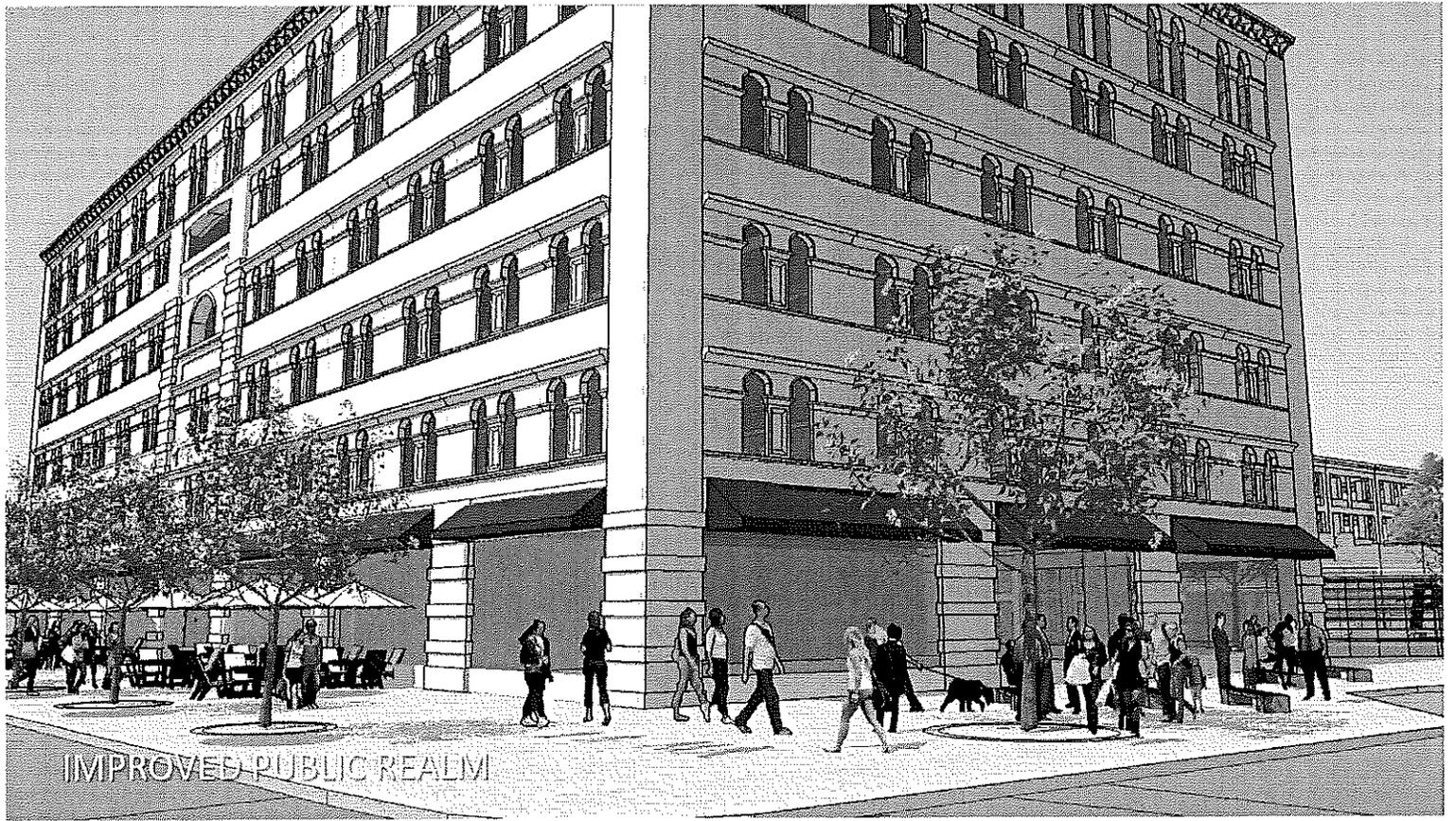
IMPROVED PUBLIC REALM

- Make Downtown Westfield a Destination
- Create a "Live, Work, Play and Connect" Atmosphere



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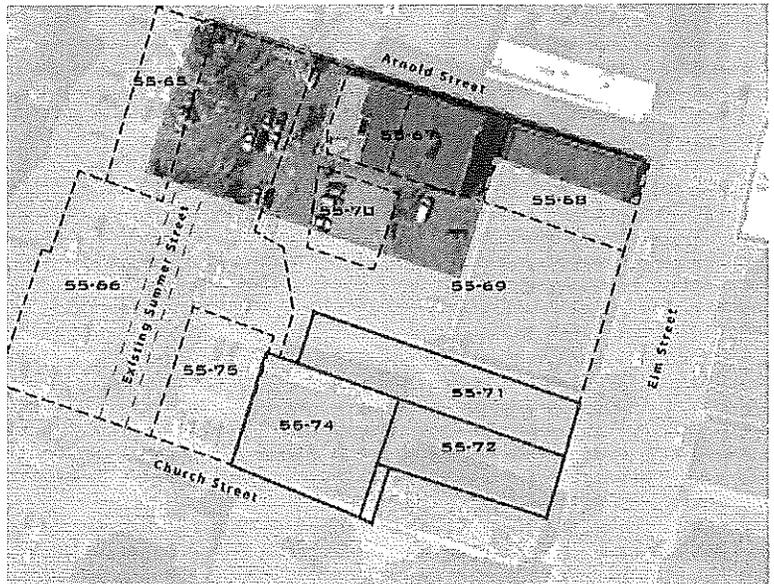
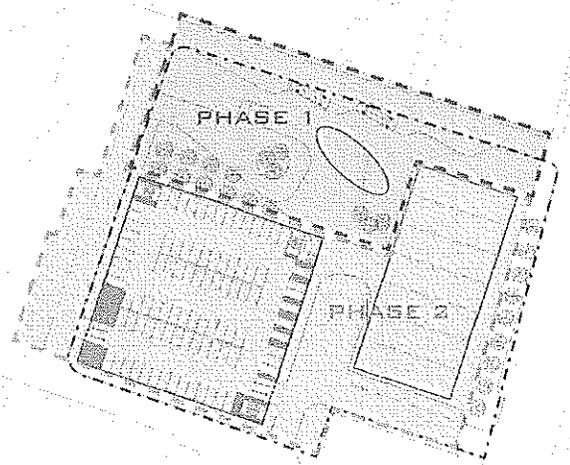




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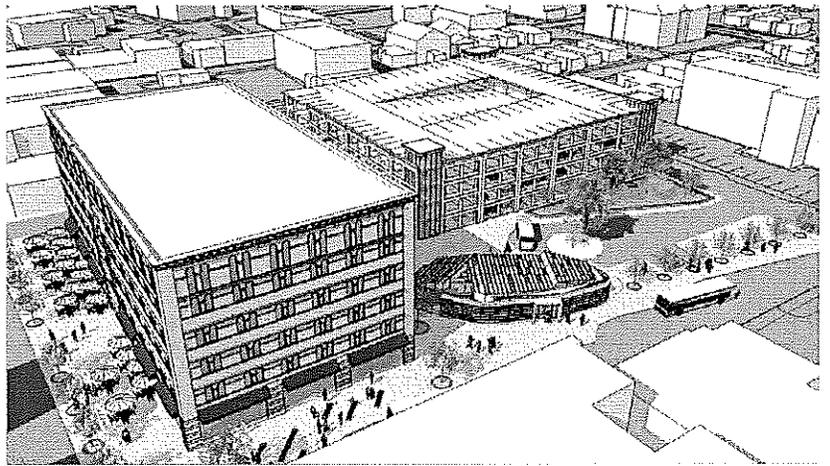
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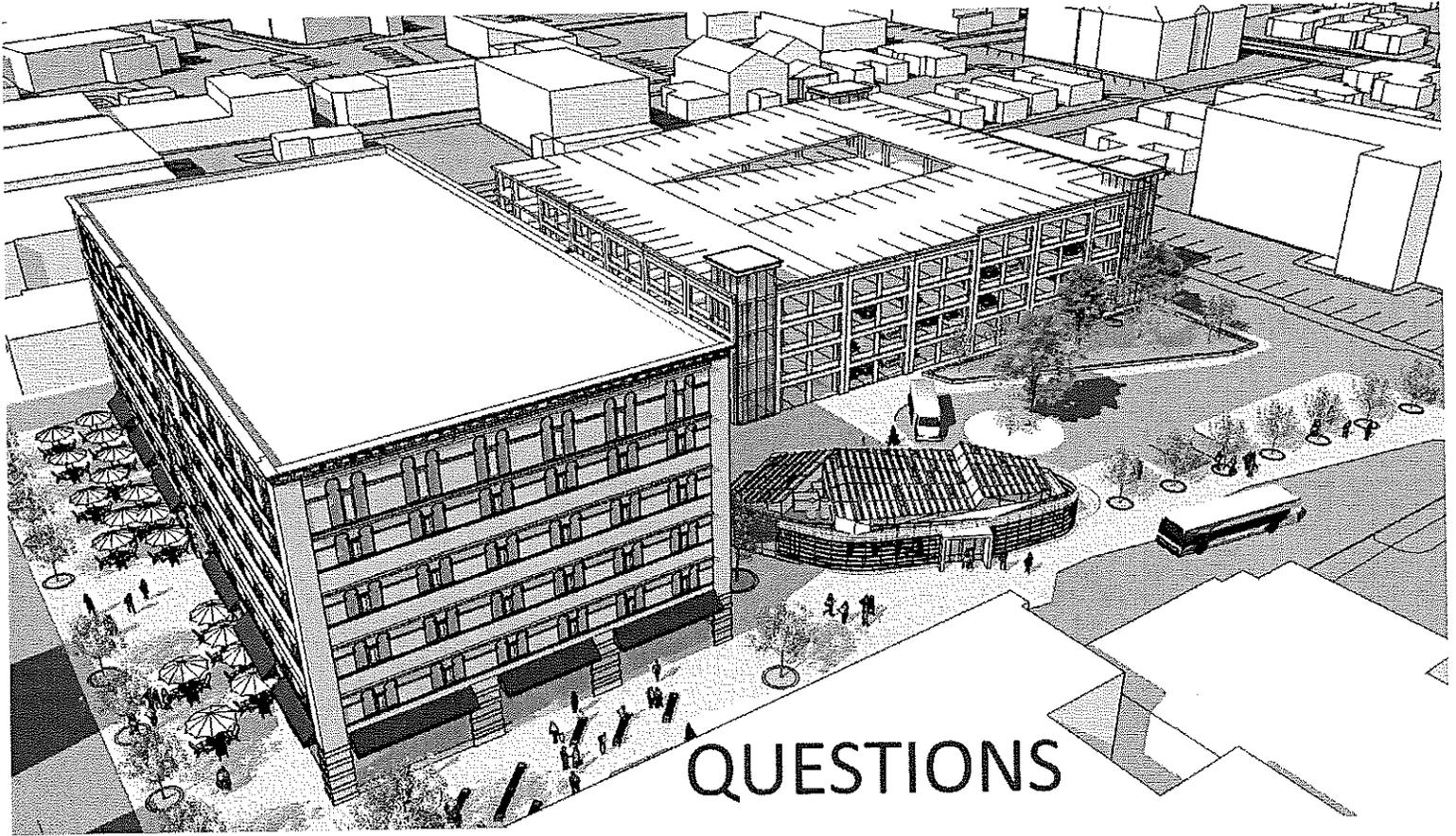
- Phase I is Underway
 - Demolition started
 - Construction Commence May 12th
 - Completion January 2017
- Phase II Parcel Assembly



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