

7**SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD ACTION**

Subject: Northside Report on Assessing Barriers to Mobility

Meeting Date: March 15, 2005

Recommendation: The Board voted unanimously to accept the report and forward the following suggestions to the Town Council:

- The neighborhood community needs to be more involved in the selection of locations for sidewalks and crosswalks;
- The Board supports the recommendation of the report to add more police presence in the neighborhood. Different types of presence such as foot patrols, bike patrols, and familiarity with the neighbors would be most effective.
- The Town should clarify what the current policies are regarding abandoned houses.

Vote: 7-0

Ayes: Timothy Dempsey (Chair), Rebecca Boyles (Vice Chair), Donna Bell, Julie Coleman, Donna Stephens Manley, Nancy Milio, Gene Pease

Comments: Members also suggested that the report needs more priority-setting and a cost-benefit analysis. If there are a limited number of dollars to address the issues, what are most important?

Also noted were the need to address the problem of drugs in a comprehensive manner, the importance of enforcing the code on vacant houses, and expressions of support for the recommendation of improved lighting.

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