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URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, January 13, 2022

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, held a **Regular Meeting, on Thursday, January 13, 2022, commencing at 5:12pm** via Zoom Meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Diamond called the meeting to order at 5:12pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mark Diamond, Stephen Fischer, and Richard Evanko

Commissioners Absent: Jack Condlin

Commission Staff: Dr. Tommie Jackson-Assistant Director, Theresa Bowen-Office Manager

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Presentation: Rafael Pagan Jr., Executive Director-Shelter for the Homeless

Dr. Jackson reported that Mr. Pagan was unable to join this meeting and will be invited to the next meeting along with Joan Carty from the Housing Development Fund.

5. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting December 9, 2021

Chairman Diamond asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Special Meeting held on December 9, 2021. Chairman Diamond made the motion to approve the minutes as amended with second from Commissioner Fischer. During discussion, regarding 7.d, Chairman Diamond requested Dr. Jackson to send the writing to the Commission from Attorney Mario Coppola on who gets the proceeds. Chairman Diamond also asked Dr. Jackson to confirm that the URC has appropriate liability insurance on the mall garage property and Dr. Jackson that, "Yes, we do". Motion passed with all Commissioners present.

6. Report of Executive Director

Dr. Jackson stated a strategic plan is being worked on and will be shared at a future meeting.

7. Committee Report(s)

a. Budget Committee

i. Finance Reports

Commissioner Evanko reviewed the reports for the Commissioners and stated the one time major debt was for the Palace Theatre Steps. Chairman Diamond asked Dr. Jackson to confirm with the Attorney Coppola the status of the escrow account.

ii. Amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Budget

Dr. Jackson stated this item will need to be addressed after the Personnel Committee meeting in regards to the staff salary increase as a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

iii. Changes to Signing Authority

This item needs to be updated directly at the bank to add Chairman Diamond and Dr. Jackson arranged for Chairman Diamond and Commissioner Evanko to meet him at the bank on Friday, January 14.

b. Personnel Committee

i. Staff Salary Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) per June 2021 action

Commissioner Fischer discussed and made the motion to approve the proposal of the cost of living adjustment increase to 6% with it being retroactive to July 1, 2021 for the two employees, with second from Chairman Diamond. Motion passed with all Commissioners present.

8. Unfinished/Old Business

a. Corp. Counsel Response to FOIA Request for Stamford Town Center Title

Dr. Jackson stated on Attorney Coppola's advice that the new City Corporation Counsel be sent an updated letter, which was done on Tuesday requesting that he respond.

b. Order of Title Report on mall property

Chairman Diamond requested this item to be on hold until the URC receives a response from the City Corporation Counsel.

c. Update from attorney on who gets the proceeds on PSW III

Dr. Jackson sent an e-mail earlier today to the Chairman regarding those proceeds and will forward the same to the full Commission.

d. Update on URC scanning project

Dr. Jackson reported that this project is back on track and it is estimated to be completed by beginning of March.

e. Marcum Report Update

Chairman Diamond reminded the Commissioners on the history of Marcum Report requesting responses to their draft report which was never completed by Mr. Madden. He stated that Dr. Jackson has completed this and that it will be sent to the Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Fischer requested Dr. Jackson reach back out to Vet's Park to follow up in response to the letter that was sent in November.

9. New Business

a. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5pm)

10. Adjournment

Chairman Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting with second from Commissioner Fischer at 5:58pm. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Evanko

Secretary/Treasurer Urban Redevelopment Commission