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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, February 10, 2022

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, held a **Regular Meeting, on Thursday, February 10, 2022, commencing at 5:08pm** via Zoom Meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Diamond called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Jack Condlin

Commission Staff: Loren Nadres-Executive Director, Dr. Tommie Jackson-Assistant Director, and Theresa Bowen-Office Manager

Other Staff: Leah Kagan- Special Assistant to the Mayor's Office, Economic Development

Guest(s): Joan Carty, President & CEO-Housing Development Fund

3. Welcome Loren Nadres-Director Economic Development & URC Executive Director

Chairman Diamond welcomed Ms. Nadres to the Commission. Ms. Nadres gave a brief history of her background working with the New York City Economic Development Corporation, the International Finance Corporation and the World Bank. Lastly, she introduced Leah Kagan, the Special Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Presentations:

a. Joan Carty, President & CEO-Housing Development Fund

Ms. Carty presented to the Commission on how the Housing Development Fund (HDF) could work together on potential URC projects. She provided a brief history of HDF and their programs such as first time home buyer and financial counseling.

6. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting January 13, 2022

Chairman Diamond requested to table the minutes until next meeting in order to review changes with staff.

7. Report of Executive Director

Dr. Jackson reported on the status of URC scanning project, the close out on Park Square West Phase IV sale, the Old Town Hall lights, upcoming meetings with the Special Assistant for Community Engagement regarding the bridge on the West Main Street for community involvement and Stamford Transportation advocacy train station team.

8. Committee Report(s)**a. Budget Committee****i. Finance Reports**

Written reports were distributed with no discussion.

b. Personnel Committee

Commissioner asked if the cost of living adjustments have been made and Dr. Jackson confirmed, "Yes, it has been made."

9. Unfinished/Old Business**a. Corp. Counsel Response to FOIA Request for Stamford Town Center Title**

Dr. Jackson covered this item earlier in the Director's report.

b. Order of Title Report on mall property

Dr. Jackson covered this item earlier in the Director's report.

c. Update on URC scanning project

Dr. Jackson stated more than one half of the 254 boxes have been completed and is estimated to be completed by beginning of March. He also added that he's working with facilities staff on locating a space for the files on their return.

d. Marcum Management Responses

Dr. Jackson stated this was sent to the Commissioners and no one responded with comments. These can be sent again

e. Park Square West Projects

Dr. Jackson covered this item earlier in the Director's report.

f. Board members to have full access to view complete URC QuickBooks

Commissioners Evanko and Fischer confirmed they have viewing access to QuickBooks.

10. New Business**a. URC Resolution 2022-01 Signing Authority for Account**

Dr. Jackson yes they already went to the bank to add the names on the signature card and is in compliance with the URC Bylaws.

b. Small Business Proposals & Funding

Dr. Jackson shared potential ideas for assisting small businesses and further conversations are needed on moving forward.

c. Long-term Planning Discussion

Chairman Diamond shared his thoughts on adding a committee to look at this further. Dr. Jackson suggested a strategic plan is needed. Chairman Diamond suggest to schedule a Special Meeting for further discussion.

d. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

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

11. Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded at 5:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Evanko

Secretary/Treasurer Urban Redevelopment Commission