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Executive Director

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CITY OF STAMFORD

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, held a *Regular Meeting, on Thursday, October 13, 2022, commencing at 5:01pm* via Zoom Meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Diamond called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mark Diamond, Stephen Fischer, and Mara Siladi and Fran Pastore

Commissioners Absent: Richard Evanko

Commission Staff: Loren Nadres-Executive Director

Dr. Jackson-Assistant Director

Guest(s): Leah Kagan, Jason Klein and Mitch Kidd

3. Public Comment

None

4. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting June 9, 2022

Chairman Diamond asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 9, 2022. Chairman Diamond made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Fischer. Commissioner Pastore Abstained. Motion passed.

b. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting August 3, 2022

Chairman Diamond asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Special Meeting held on August 3, 2022. Chairman Diamond made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Fischer. Motion passed with Commissioners present.

c. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting August 11, 2022

Chairman Diamond asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 3, 2022. Chairman Diamond made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Fischer. Motion passed with Commissioners present.

d. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting September 8, 2022

The meeting was not held as a quorum was not present and meeting was adjourned.

e. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting September 8, 2022

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f. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting September 22, 2022

Chairman Diamond asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 22, 2022. Commissioner Fischer made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Siladi. Chairman Diamond opposed. Motion passed.

g. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting September 29, 2022

This meeting had no attendees and was not called to order.

5. Report of Executive Director or Assistant Director

Ms. Nadres welcomed new Commissioner Fran Pastore. She added we are waiting on signatures for 0 West Park Place and stated Dr. Jackson will provide the update on Veteran's Park and Stamford Town center title later in the agenda.

6. Committee Report(s)

a. Budget Committee

i. Review and Approval of FY 22-23 Budget

Chairman Diamond stated Commissioner Evanko is not present and will not have a budget report.

b. Personnel Committee

None.

7. Unfinished/Old Business

a. 0 West Park Place

Dr. Jackson stated he has not been privy to any new information and as Ms. Nadres stated earlier they are waiting on documents to be signed.

b. Title Report for Stamford Town Center (Mall)

Dr. Jackson stated Ms. Nadres and he spoke about this topic in April 2022 and that she had communication with Corporation Counsel but there's been no new information from that office. Also, URC Attorney Coppola has been asked to look into this matter.

c. Veteran's Park

Dr. Jackson stated that he shared different options with Ms. Nadres on how best to move forward. Commissioner Fischer provided the following new proposal; the staff of the URC shall provide the Commission with the following documents that have been or are being asked for, for Vet's Park Partnership, and also provide in Stanford Theater from the Arts and Old Town Hall in order to be funded. After much discussion, Chairman Diamond established a committee with Commissioner Siladi, Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Pastore, staff Dr. Jackson and Ms. Nadres with Dr. Jackson serving as chair to try to clarify with corporation counsel and the city's procurement officer what needs to be done.

8. New Business

a. Financial Records Review

Dr. Jackson provided historically information on past audits and recommended an outside audit be done by a forensic accountant. Chairman Diamond approved the \$1500 cost of a forensic accountant to review the URC books.

b. Next Meeting

- i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
- ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5pm)

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting with second from Chairman Diamond at 5:52pm. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Evanko

Secretary/Treasurer Urban Redevelopment Commission