

City of Stamford, Connecticut
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
888 Washington Boulevard * Stamford, Connecticut 06904

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 9, 2014 – 6:00 pm

A Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford, Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission was held on Thursday, October 9, 2014. Commission Vice Chair Peter Sciarretta called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Commissioners Jean-Pierre, Molgano, Rios and Sciarretta were in attendance. Commissioner Christopher Meek did not attend the meeting.

The Honorable Gail Okun, Member, Stamford Board of Representatives, and Special Urban Redevelopment Counsel Michel Bayonne were attendance as well as Urban Redevelopment Commission staff General Counsel Rachel Goldberg and Executive Director Dr. Tommie Jackson.

Commissioner Molgano moved to approve all of the minutes listed on the Agenda. Commissioner Rios offered a second to the motion, with an amendment to approve all minutes, but excluding the September 11, 2014 minutes. The amended motion was accepted, passed unanimously and received.

At 6:23 pm, Commissioner Jean-Pierre moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 5 (d). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rios. Representative Okun and General Counsel Goldberg were excused from the Executive Session.

Commissioner Molgano moved, with a second from Commissioner Rios, to end the Executive Session at 6:31 pm. The motion was passed and received and the Commission returned to public session.

At 6:33 pm, Commissioner Jean-Pierre moved for the Commission to go out of order of its printed Agenda. Commissioner Rios seconded the motion, it was passed and received.

Commissioner Rios moved, at 6:34 pm to return to Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 8 (a). Commissioner Jean-Pierre seconded the motion. Representative Okun and General Counsel Goldberg were excused from the Executive Session. At 7:03 pm, Commissioner Jean-Pierre moved to end the Executive Session. Commissioner Rios offered a second to the motion and it ended at 7:03 pm. The motion was passed, received and the Commission returned to public session.

The Commission recessed at 7:10 pm. The recess was requested by Special Counsel Bayonne to receive and provide materials to the Commission. The Commission reconvened at 7:12 pm in public session.

Agenda Items 3 and 4 were not points of discussion.

Agenda Items 5 (a), 5 (b) and 5 (c) were presented by Dr. Jackson. The Commissioners were provided with information on 5 (b) including a report from URC Consulting Architect Joseph Schiffer. The Commissioners agreed to discuss the report at its next Regular Meeting.

Agenda Item 5 (c) was presented. The Commissioners were informed that two responses to the Request for Proposals (RFPs) were received. A meeting to discuss the proposals will be scheduled with various interested parties.

Agenda Item 6 (a) was discussed at length. The discussion was related to how the Commission Chair could override the unanimous vote of the Commission, specifically cancelling an Annual Meeting that was established by the full Commission. General Counsel Goldberg offered advice, based on email requests from Commission members, on how and what the Commission would have to do to remove the Commission Chair. General Counsel Goldberg referred to the Roberts Rules of Order. The Roberts Rules of Order provide for at least two kinds of removal of a Commission Chair. Dr. Jackson asked if other options were available for the Commission to consider. Vice Chair acknowledged the comments but stated that it was appropriate for the Commission to move and act on the matter.

Commissioner Rios moved to remove Christopher Meek as Commission Chair of the Urban Redevelopment Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jean-Pierre. Three Commissioners: Jean-Pierre, Rios and Sciarretta voted to remove Chris Meek as Commission Chair. Commissioner Molgano abstained from the vote.

The Commissioners voted, as a whole, to hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:30 pm. Dr. Jackson was instructed to notice and publish the meeting accordingly with the City of Stamford Town Clerk. The meeting notice will be filed on Friday, October 10, 2014.

Agenda Items 6 (a) (i) and 8 (a) were deferred based on the Executive Session.

Dr. Jackson asked that matters noted in Agenda Items 5 and 6 be incorporated into the minutes as part of the Executive Director's report. Dr. Jackson asked the Commissioners to consider holding a Board Retreat. Commissioner Molgano asked the Commissioners to consider the suggestion of Dr. Jackson. Commissioner Molgano said that if the Commission was to hold a Retreat then a possible site was Pellicci's Restaurant.

At Old Business, General Counsel Goldberg said that she was involved with a Veterans Park Committee that was spearheaded by the Downtown Special Services District (DSSD).

Commissioner Molgano moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Commissioner Jean-Pierre offered a second to the motion; it was passed unanimously and received. The next Commission Regular Meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2014.

Respectfully,


Michaelle Jean-Pierre, Esquire
Secretary/Treasurer