MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

1. At 6:00pm, Chairman Christopher D. Meek called the special meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:	Staff:
Christopher D. Meek, Chairman	Rachel A. Goldberg, Interim Director & General Counsel
Taylor R. Molgano	Durelle Alexander
Peter Sciarretta	
Michaelle Jean-Pierre	
Mayra M. Rios	

2. Announcements

Attorney Goldberg announced that on June 4th, the Connecticut General Assembly passed the UConn bill with $13,000,000 in funding allotted for the downtown residential facility in Stamford. She noted that they will now work toward identifying a site and moving the project forward.

Attorney Goldberg also announced that the Commission staff has been continuing to work with the East Side Partnership to establish a transit station/train stop at East Main Street. The next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27th at 7:00pm, at which time further information will be presented.

3. Agency Administration

(a) **Personnel Search Committee/Committee of the Whole** - At 6:14pm, Commissioner Molgano made a motion to go into Executive Session for the Personnel Search Committee (Committee of the Whole). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sciarretta and carried by unanimous vote. Durelle Alexander left the meeting at this time. Attorney Goldberg participated in the discussion. No motions were made and no votes were taken. At 6:42pm, Commissioner Molgano made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sciarretta and carried by unanimous vote. Ms. Alexander returned to the meeting.

(b) **Review/Approval FY 2013/14 Budget** - Attorney Goldberg distributed draft copies of the proposed budget, noting that the only revision was the addition of $2500.00 for new computers to be acquired through the City for the administrative assistant whose computer stopped working and bookkeeper if it should become necessary. Discussion ensued. The Chairman named Commissioner Rios to serve on the Budget Committee with Commissioner Sciarretta. Commissioner Sciarretta proposed that everyone take a closer look at the budget, forward any recommendations to him, and that the vote be tabled until the next Commission meeting.

(c) **Discussion/Proposed Amendments to By-Laws** – By-Laws Committee member Sciarretta discussed proposed amendments, which he had previously distributed to the Board. It was noted that the by-laws can only be amended at a regular meeting of the Commission. Discussion ensued. It was the sense of the Board that Attorney Goldberg incorporate the changes/new language discussed and present the final version for approval at the next regular Commission meeting.

4. Southeast Quadrant

(a) **Trinity/Status Report** – Attorney Goldberg reported that job trailers are on site and construction has begun at 66 Summer Street. Trinity is trying to organize a formal ground-breaking.

(b) **Property Acquisition/Status Report** – At 7:25pm, Commissioner Sciarretta made a motion to go into Executive Session to specifically discuss the status of property acquisition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meek and carried by unanimous vote. Attorney Goldberg participated in the discussion. No motions were made and no votes were taken. At 7:32pm, Commissioner Molgano made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sciarretta and carried by unanimous vote.

5. Mill River Corridor

(a) **Proposed Plan Amendments/Status Report** – Attorney Goldberg reported that the Land Use Committee of the Board of Representatives met last month, voted to recommend to the whole Board that a public hearing be scheduled and on July 3, 2013, the Board of Representatives on consent voted it to a public hearing. Attorney Goldberg appeared before the Planning Board on June 4th to present the proposed plan changes. She said, "Under the state statute, they are required to issue an opinion that the proposed amendment is consistent with the City's Master Plan. They voted unanimously to do so." Attorney Goldberg is trying to coordinate a time and date with Land Use Committee Chairman Harry Day to schedule a joint public hearing.

6. Adjournment

(a) **Walking Tour** – A walking tour of Commission sites/projects is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 2:30pm, weather permitting. The meeting will convene at the URC office.

(b) **Next Meeting Agenda** – Items for inclusion for the next regular meeting agenda were discussed. Election of officers will be held at this time.

(c) **Next Meeting Date** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 6:00pm.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Sciarretta made a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher D. Meek
Chairman