

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012**

1. At 6:23pm, Chairman James I. Nixon called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

James I. Nixon, Chairman  
Jackie Heftman, Vice Chairman  
Joel P. Mellis, Secretary/Treasurer  
Christopher D. Meek  
Taylor R. Molgano

Staff:

Rachel A. Goldberg, Interim Director  
& General Counsel  
Durelle Alexander

2. Approval of Minutes (a) – (l)

Commissioner Heftman made a motion to approve the twelve sets of minutes (a-l). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mellis and carried by unanimous vote.

3. Correspondence

None at this time.

4. Announcements

Attorney Goldberg noted that the Land Use Committee of the Board of Representatives had scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Republican Caucus Room on the fourth floor.

5. Southeast Quadrant/Park Square West Phase II

Attorney Goldberg said there was nothing new to report at this time. She anticipates discussions recommencing when Trinity's counsel, Bill Hennessey, returns from vacation next week.

Chairman Nixon, noting that Trinity had previously suggested a field trip to enable the Commission to see their project across the street from the Boston Garden, luxury housing that sits atop the mass transit station, asked if it would be appropriate at this time. Commissioner Mellis asked if we were far enough along to warrant the trip. Attorney Goldberg suggested the Commission wait until after their next presentation.

At 6:38pm, Commissioner Heftman made a motion to go into Executive Session to specifically discuss strategy with respect to the status of contract negotiations with Park Square West & Trinity. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mellis and carried by unanimous vote. Attorney Goldberg participated in the discussion. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

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At 6:55pm, Commissioner Mellis made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meek and carried by unanimous vote.

6. Old Business

(a) **Re-Use Parcel 38** – Attorney Goldberg reported that she will be meeting with the Mayor on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am to review the Parcel 38 status and discuss ways to move forward. Chairman Nixon will also attend.

(b) **Budget** – Attorney Goldberg suggested that since we are half-way through the fiscal year, the Budget Committee meet to update the budget to reflect decisions made by the Board during this time. Commissioner Heftman asked about the status of the additional funding request by the Mill River Collaborative. Attorney Goldberg said, “I’ve met with Milton Puryear and rather than renewing/extending the previous grant, I’ve suggested that the Collaborative give us a proposal to design and plan the physical connection between the Southeast Quadrant project area by Columbus Park to the entrance to the Park across Washington Boulevard. This would constitute an appropriate use of our federal funds.” The cost of this is yet to be determined.

7. New Business

Chairman Nixon, who represents the URC on the OTHRA Committee, gave a brief update on the status of the law suit by the contractor. The parties have agreed to non-binding arbitration.

8. Agency Administration/Personnel

Chairman Nixon named a Search Committee of the Whole for the position of Executive Director. A meeting date was not scheduled at this time.

9. Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 6:00pm. There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Mellis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel P. Mellis  
Secretary/Treasurer