

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

1. At 6:07pm, Vice Chairman James I. Nixon called the special meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Stephen C. Osman, Chairman

(arrived at 6:15pm)

James I. Nixon, Vice Chairman

Joel P. Mellis, Secretary/Treasurer

Jackie Heftman

Christopher D. Meek

Staff:

Christopher L. Bergstrom, Executive Director

Rachel Goldberg, General Counsel

Durelle Alexander

Attendees:

Elizabeth Kim, Stamford Advocate

Commissioner Nixon made a motion to address the agenda items out of order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mellis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Heftman made a motion to go into Executive Session to specifically discuss the status of the contract with Park Square West/Corcoran Jennison (agenda item 2b). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mellis and carried by unanimous vote. Executive Director Bergstrom and Attorney Goldberg participated in the discussion. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

Commissioner Meek left the meeting at 6:50pm.

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

2. Southeast Quadrant

- (a) **Decennial Review of the Southeast Quadrant Plan** – Attorney Goldberg reported that in accordance with the current requirements of the CT General Statutes, revised by the General Assembly in 2007, all urban renewal plans must be presented to the Board of Representatives for review and approval every 10 years. On February 23, 2011, Attorney Goldberg and Executive Director Bergstrom met with the City's Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee to start a dialogue with respect to the Southeast Quadrant Plan. Attorney Goldberg said, "The biggest topic of discussion was looking for ideas from the Board of Representative's members for the properties that we continue to own and/or control – the properties on lower Summer Street, Parcel 36 and Parcel 38 – and to seek input for other things. I would also like input/ideas from this Board." Discussion ensued. It was noted that concepts suggested by the Commission would then be discussed with the Land Use Committee; further, that any changes/amendments to the plan must be consistent with the City of Stamford's Master Plan.

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Commissioners were asked to contact Attorney Goldberg with their ideas. The Land Use Committee will continue its discussion at next month's meeting.

3. Old Business/Reinventing Stamford

Executive Director Bergstrom updated the Commission on the upcoming March 29th *Reinventing Stamford* town meeting to be held at Old Town Hall from 6:00 to 9:00pm. He said, "We are using this theme 'Winning the Future,' borrowing from President Obama's State of the Union, because we've been working on out-innovating, out-educating, and out-building over the past two years. The Mayor will do a kick-off visioning/welcoming speech and, behind him up on the mezzanine, there will be a screen with a Google Earth fly-over of downtown Stamford with some of the renderings that Murry Gelberg has done of what the in-fill sites could look like if they were done with imagination." Attendees will then move into four individual rooms, breaking into the following action teams:

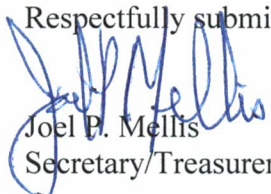
- Action Team 1 – INNOVATION – Presenters Bill Gordon & Patty Meagher – Stamford Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship
- Action Team 2 – EDUCATION – Presenters Celeste Johnson & Eva Weller – Dolan Middle School Storyteller's Program
- Action Team 3 – PLACE MAKING – Presenters Rod Frantz & Amanda Kennedy – 50 in 500 Project
- Action Team 4 – REGIONAL NETWORKS – Presenters Kip Bergstrom & Matt Nemerson – iTOD, Innovative Transit-Oriented Development

Executive Director Bergstrom continued, "In effect, there will be four separate town meetings going on and, in each of the rooms, there will be a mix of tables. Some will be brand evangelists and some will be listening posts. The brand evangelist is really how do we start to tell the *Reinventing Stamford* story, both the story of the team and the story of the overall initiative to other folks in our social network ... and then how do we make it easy for folks coming into this two-year conversation to catch up quickly. Listening posts are people who watch emerging conditions just as part of what they do and then they share that knowledge with others. The idea is 'what conditions are relevant to pay attention to' for the work of that team ... and who are others that you may already know, following those conditions, that we can get into the network."

4. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Nixon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel P. Mellis
Secretary/Treasurer

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SPECIAL
MEETING NOTICE

A special meeting of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, Urban Redevelopment Commission, will be held in the Commission Offices on the 9th Floor of the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:00pm.

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call
2. Southeast Quadrant
 - (a) Decennial Review of Southeast Quadrant Plan
 - (b) *Park Square West
3. Old Business
 - (a) Reinventing Stamford
4. Adjournment

**All or portions of this subject may require discussion
in Executive Session**