# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011

1. At 6:04pm, Vice Chairman James I. Nixon called the special meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

James I. Nixon, Vice Chairman Joel P. Mellis, Secretary/Treasurer Christopher D. Meek

Absent:

Stephen C. Osman, Chairman Jackie Heftman Staff:

Christopher L. Bergstrom, Executive Director Rachel Goldberg, General Counsel Durelle Alexander

Attendees:

Charles Rosner, URC Consultant for *Reinventing Stamford*Elizabeth Kim, Stamford Advocate

#### 2. Southeast Quadrant/Park Square West

Attorney Goldberg reported that she, Executive Director Bergstrom and Chairman Osman met with principals of the firm and their legal counsel today; further, that it was mainly an introductory meeting to discuss in broad terms their desire to build the structure which was previously approved by this Commission, the Zoning Board, the Environmental Protection Board and the State Traffic Commission. It was noted that these approvals have expired due to the passage of time and will have to be reauthorized/approved. Further discussions between all entities should occur within the next several weeks.

#### 3. Personnel/Staffing

At 6:15pm, Commissioner Meek made a motion to go into Executive Session to specifically discuss personnel and staffing of the *Reinventing Stamford* initiative. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mellis and carried by unanimous vote. Executive Director Bergstrom, Attorney Goldberg and Mr. Rosner participated in the discussion. No motions were made and no votes were taken. At 7:00pm, Mr. Rosner and Durelle Alexander left Executive Session.

At 7:08pm, Commissioner Nixon made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meek and carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Mellis made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to amend the scope of services in Mr. Rosner's current contract (through June 30, 2011) to include the management and leadership of the *Reinventing Stamford* initiative with the continuing administrative support of the Commission staff and access to the URC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nixon and carried by unanimous vote.

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Acting Chairman Nixon announced the appointment of Commissioner Meek as liaison between the URC and Mr. Rosner for the *Reinventing Stamford* initiative.

It was noted that Wednesday, March 30, 2011 would be the Executive Director's last day at the URC.

Commissioner Meek made a motion to appoint Attorney Goldberg Interim Director, effective March 31, 2011, in addition to her other duties and responsibilities under the same terms and conditions that were applicable to her last appointment as Interim Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mellis and carried by unanimous vote.

It was noted that there was a need to create a Personnel Committee. Commissioner Mellis volunteered to serve on this Committee with Chairman Osman.

Commissioner Mellis, on behalf of the Agency, expressed his gratitude to the Executive Director for all that he has done for the URC in the short time he has been here. Commissioner Mellis said, "You have really made a difference, not so much for the URC, but for the City of Stamford, and we all appreciate your dedication, vision and creativity."

#### 4. Adjournment

Having completed the business for which this special meeting was called, Commissioner Mellis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Toel 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 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 22</u>, <u>2011 at 6:00pm</u>.

### **AGENDA:**

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. \*Southeast Quadrant(a) Park Square West
- 3. \*Personnel/Staffing
- 4. Adjournment

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