

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007**

1. At 7:45am, Chairman Stephen C. Osman called the special meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Stephen C. Osman, Chairman  
James I. Nixon, Vice Chairman  
Joel P. Mellis, Secretary/Treasurer  
Edward J. Fuhrman  
Robert S. Robins (*arrived at 8:00am*)

Staff:

Gerrie Post, Executive Director  
Rachel Goldberg, General Counsel

2. Field Trip/Waterside School

At 7:50am, a recess was called to enable the Commissioners to visit The Waterside School, 535 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. Commissioner Robins joined the group at the school. The Waterside School is an independent elementary school from kindergarten to fifth grade serving students from low income backgrounds. Conceived and founded by Konrad "Chip" Kruger, former co-head of Greenwich Capital, The Waterside School opened its doors on September 12, 2001 with 23 students. Today it has 100 students.

The School has visionary leadership, a socio-economically and culturally diverse student body, a talented and passionate teaching faculty, an involved parent body and the generous support of the greater community.

The successes of the Waterside School are many. Among them are:

- Members of Waterside's Class of '06 earned admission and scholarships to the area's finest independent schools – Brunswick School, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich Academy, Stanwich School, KLHT.
- In 2005-06, more than \$2.3 million was raised in direct support of the School's operation and in support of the School's future expansion
- Collaborations with a diverse and dynamic set of partners – The American Ballet Theatre, The First Tee Foundation, The Urban Education Exchange, The Rensselaerville Institute, Yale University Athletic Department – have offered additional opportunities for enrichment, advancement and exposure
- Corporate partners of recognized name have invested directly with financial support of both scale and duration

This visit provided an opportunity for the Commission to view the successful education of low-income children who typically: enter kindergarten a full year and a half behind in language skills; who by fourth grade, cannot read proficiently and lack basic mathematical skills; and who fail the NAEP (National Assessment of Education and Progress) Achievement Test, the "nation's report card."

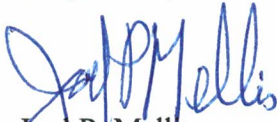
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The field trip included a tour of the facilities and a visit to classes in session. During the tour, the Commissioners and guests sat in on a Kindergarten class that was involved in a reading lesson and they also visited a first grade class that was studying algebraic principles.

3. Adjournment

Having completed the business for which this Special Meeting was convened, Commissioner Nixon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel P. Mellis  
Secretary/Treasurer

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**REVISED**  
**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

A Special Meeting of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, Urban Redevelopment Commission, will convene at the Commission Offices on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:45am.

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call
2. Field Trip:  
Waterside School  
535 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford  
(directions enclosed)
3. Adjournment
  - (a) Discussion – Next Meeting Agenda
  - (b) Confirmation – Next Meeting Date (December 13, 2007 @ 9:30am)

## WATERSIDE SCHOOL



### **Directions to Waterside School**

#### **FROM THE SOUTH**

Take I-95 North to Exit 6 - "Harvard Avenue." At the end of the ramp turn RIGHT onto Harvard Avenue. Go STRAIGHT through the Stop sign. Turn LEFT at the Stop sign onto Selleck Street. Go STRAIGHT through three traffic lights. Turn RIGHT at the third traffic light onto Fairfield Avenue. Go STRAIGHT to the Stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto Fairfield Avenue. Go STRAIGHT to the Stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto Barry Place and then RIGHT into the parking lot of the School.

#### **FROM THE NORTH**

Take I-95 South to Exit 6 - "West Avenue." At the end of the ramp turn LEFT onto West Avenue. Go STRAIGHT through three traffic lights. Turn LEFT onto Selleck Street. Go STRAIGHT through two traffic lights. At the second traffic light turn RIGHT onto Fairfield Avenue. Go STRAIGHT to the Stop sign. At the Stop sign turn RIGHT onto Fairfield Avenue. Go STRAIGHT to the Stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto Barry Place and then RIGHT into the parking lot of the School.

#### **FROM WASHINGTON BLVD**

Heading South on Washington Blvd. Take a RIGHT on Pulaski Street; go STRAIGHT through 2 blinking red lights and 1 stoplight. At stop light road turns into Southfield Ave. Take a RIGHT onto Congress. At stop sign go STRAIGHT, road turns into Fairfield Ave. Take a RIGHT onto Barry Place and then RIGHT into the parking lot of the School.

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