

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2006

1. At 6:07PM, Chairman Stephen C. Osman called the regular meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Stephen C. Osman, Chairman
James I. Nixon, Vice Chairman
Joel P. Mellis, Secy/Treasurer
Edward J. Fuhrman
Robert S. Robins

Staff:

Gerrie Post, Executive Director
Durelle Alexander

2. Announcements

None at this time.

3. Correspondence

None at this time.

4. Southeast Quadrant

(a) **Park Square West Status Report** – Chairman Osman reported that the Corcoran Jennison presentation before a special meeting of the Commission on Friday, August 25th, was very productive; that the developer had filed applications with the appropriate Land Use Committees, and that the project was moving forward.

(b) **Re-Use Parcel 36 Status Report** – Executive Director Post reported that the project was on time; that the architects were working on interior design and skin choices, and that they anticipate filing their Zoning Board application in about four weeks.

5. Mill River Corridor

(a) **Archstone/Parcel 21 Status Report** – Chairman Osman reported that the URC had set up a meeting for all the City Land Use Boards to get together at the URC on September 13th for a presentation by Archstone of their latest design plans. The Chairman noted that Archstone was responsive to the comments/feedback received and agreed to revisit issues including: (i) floor plans that did not correspond to the exterior building plans; (ii) non-masonry material proposed for the building's top floor, and (iii) the possibility of moving the building over 10 or 15 feet to accommodate the Mill River Park plan.

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Chairman Osman announced that Olin Partnership plans to present their Master Design Plan for the Mill River Corridor to the public on October 23rd. He also announced that RBS is joining the Mill River Collaborative.

6. Old Business

None at this time.

7. New Business

Mr. Ed Czescik asked the Commission how far south the Mill River Corridor would extend. He noted that senior citizen homes in the south end had been named for his father and asked if there were plans to keep that housing. The Chairman responded that to his knowledge there were no plans to eliminate that housing. He encouraged Mr. Czescik to look at the Mill River plans and to talk to Project Director Milton Puryear. Mr. Czescik also expressed concern about maintenance of the park, specifically the existing gazebo. Chairman Osman responded, "The URC will not be in charge of the development of the park. The Mill River Conservancy, chaired by Arthur Selkowitz, will be responsible for development as well as maintenance and Mr. Selkowitz has insisted that provisions for maintenance in general be prominent in the budget for Mill River." The Chairman also noted that the Conservancy has hired the Stamford Downtown Special Services District ambassadors to patrol the park at a cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000/year.

Mr. Czescik also asked questions with regard to the Stamford Urban Transitway Project, specifically the eminent domain process and the requisite lead and asbestos removal. Chairman Osman suggested that Mr. Czescik meet with Transitway Counsel Rachel Goldberg and offered to personally attend the meeting.

8. Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 6:00PM. The Chairman noted he would be unable to attend.

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 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Joel P. Mellis
Secretary/Treasurer