

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETING
CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2003

1. At 5:54PM, Chairman Stephen C. Osman called the Special/Annual Meeting to order for the specific purpose of electing officers and appointing members to the Sub-Committees of the Urban Redevelopment Commission. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Stephen C. Osman, Chairman
Joel P. Mellis, Secretary/Treasurer
James I. Nixon
Neal M. Jewell
Edward J. Fuhrman

Staff:

Laszlo Papp, Executive Director
Rachel Goldberg, General Counsel
Sheila R. Kilcoyne, Fiscal Officer
Durelle Alexander

Consultants:

Eric M. Wormser
Special Representative to the Commission

2. Annual Election of Officers

Chairman Osman relinquished the chair to Secretary/Treasurer Mellis, who requested nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Fuhrman moved to nominate Stephen C. Osman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nixon and carried by unanimous vote.

The chair was returned to Chairman Osman, who requested nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Jewell moved to nominate James I. Nixon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mellis and carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Osman then requested nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Jewell moved to nominate Joel P. Mellis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nixon and carried by unanimous vote.

Following the election of officers, The Chairman, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Mr. Wormser for his 12 years of service, saying "The whole community should appreciate what you have accomplished ... you have been very dedicated, working diligently on multiple projects." Following a round of applause, Mr. Wormser responded, "Thank you. I have enjoyed all 12 years and am especially proud of bringing UBS (Swiss Bank) to Stamford." Mr. Wormser noted that he hopes to continue working with the Commission in an advisory fashion.

The Chairman then introduced and welcomed the newest member of the Commission, Mr. Edward J. Fuhrman. Mr. Fuhrman also thanked Mr. Wormser, saying that "you have left a very large chair to fill." Commissioner Fuhrman gave a brief overview of his general business/marketing/management background. Noting that he has been a resident of Stamford for over 40 years and has raised four children here, he said "I feel a deep bond with the community and want to make a contribution by serving on the Commission."

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3. Appointment of Sub-Committees

Prior to appointing Sub-Committee members, Chairman Osman thanked Commissioners Jewell and Wormser for overseeing the coordination and development of Kiwanis Park from 1998 to the present. Following a round of applause, Commissioner Jewell gave a brief recap of the Sub-Committee's work. He said, "For the past five years, our goal has been to ensure that Palace Way would merge well with Kiwanis Park and compliment the Park Square West development. We have ended up with a quality park for the City, a really nice public space, and our Sub-Committee has been very successful in terms of the Commission's objectives."

Members appointed to the URC's standing Sub-Committees are as follows:

Archstone Project:	Commissioner Mellis
Budget:	Commissioners Mellis & Jewell
Lotstein Property:	Commissioners Mellis & Papp
Mission Statement:	Commissioner Mellis
Mill River:	Commissioners Nixon & Mellis
Mill River Water Flow:	Special Rep. to the Commission Wormser
Park Square West:	Commissioner Jewell (one vacancy)
Parking Garage & Target:	Commissioners Jewell & Nixon
Parking Garage & Robotic Parking Garage:	Commissioners Fuhrman & Nixon
Parcel 38:	Commissioner Fuhrman
Oversee Stamford Urban Transitway Project:	Commissioners Mellis & Nixon
Bond Financing:	Commissioners Mellis & Fuhrman

Having completed the business for which this Special Annual Meeting was called, Commissioner Jewell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nixon and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Joel P. Mellis
Secretary/Treasurer