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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut Regular Meeting- Thursday, January 12, 2023

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, held a *Regular Meeting, on Thursday, January 12, 2023, commencing at 5:04pm* via Zoom Meeting.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Stephen Fischer, Richard Evanko, Kenny Green, Fran Pastore and Mara Siladi

Commission Staff: Loren Nadres-Executive Director, Dr. Jackson-Assistant Director and Theresa Bowen-Office Manager

Guest(s): Lisa Feinberg, Scott Lumby, Leah Kagan, Mitch Kidd, Jason Klein, Ulises Montes de Cruz, Stephanie Odenath, and Luz Rosado

3. Presentation 100 Clinton Avenue by Jason Klein

Ms. Feinberg and Mr. Klein shared with the Commission the recently filed applications with the zoning board and because the project is located in the Mill River Project Plan, and is requesting a written approval of the project and confirmation for the zoning board that it is in keeping with the Mill River Project Plan. Commissioner Siladi made a motion to say that we agree with what they intend to do, with second from Commissioner Pastore. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Update Status 0 West Park Place by Attorney Lisa Feinberg

Ms. Odenath provided the Commissioners with an update with the pre application the plan on submitting the application of January 27.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting December 8, 2022

Vice Chairman Fischer asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2022. He then made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Evanko. **Motion passed unanimously**

b. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting December 14, 2022

Vice Chairman Fischer asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Special Meeting held on December 14, 2022. He then made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Evanko. **Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Pastore Abstaining.**

7. Election of New Chairperson

Vice Chairman Fischer made a motion to nominate Commissioner Evanko with second from Commissioner Pastore. **Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Evanko abstaining.**

Vice Chairman Fischer turn the meeting over to Chairman Evanko to preside.

8. Report of Executive Director or Assistant Director

Ms. Nadres announced that Doug Dalena, Director of Legal Affairs has recently stepped down and we're currently working with Deputy Corporation Counsel, Vikki Cooper as we have a few items under legal review such as the title for Stamford Town Center and Veteran's Park grant. We also need to connect with Chairman Evanko on the budget in the coming month as well as to looking into a new lead for secretary/treasurer and the personnel committee.

9. Unfinished/Old Business

a. Commission Ethics and FOIA Training-January 19, 2023

Dr. Jackson stated this training is coming as a directive from the Mayor's office and Office of Economic Development and the training will be in person.

10. New Business

a. Vote to amend the 2023 Regular Meeting Calendar to include in person location After discussion, the commission decided to keep the meetings remote on zoom.

b. Confirm Date for URC Orientation

Dr. Jackson reported based on the doodle poll, February 2, at 5pm. The Commissioners decided on an in person meeting with option for zoom.

c. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

The Commissioners discussed potential items for the agenda including:

- Forward Range Plan
- Vote for Secretary/Treasurer

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ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (February 9, at 5pm)

11. Adjournment

Chairman Evanko made a motion to adjourn the meeting with second from Commissioner Pastore at 6:09pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Evanko

Chairman, Urban Redevelopment Commission