

Present: 18 Participants

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Rick Redniss- of Redniss & Mead came prepared to give updates on Vitti construction, the Stamford Manhattan Transit Group, and the community room.

Vitti update: The question was raised What's happening with Harbor Street? Redniss & Mead was informed a month ago that Vitti needed a survey and a zoning plan to get his building permit so the buildings could go back to one family. The plan would include removing the asphalt from around the house, plant grass, the front and rear door of the building would return to single family. All documents are signed and on the land records. Vitti is giving up the non-residential rights for the two new properties and will be cleaning up the property so that he can get the building permit and proceed as planned.

Question: Representative Elise Coleman asked who will be looking into cleaning up the contamination on the property since it has been used for years for diesel delivery and the back of the building was destroyed?

Answer: Rick is going to investigate and get back with an update.

Question: Representative Elise Coleman asked what about the restrictions for rock crushing and selling dirt? What about the hours of operation for rock crushing? Elise mentioned that the rock crushing starts every day at 7:00am and on Sunday at 7:00am.

Answer: Rick mentioned that he doesn't think the crusher should be running on Sunday, but he will check the hours of operation for the crusher and get back with an update.

Rick advised there is supposed to be a poster with a hotline number posted at the site. If activity is commencing on Sunday, you should document it and call in to register the complaint. There are exceptions for crushing when it involves the city or the state.

Question: John Wooten asked are the filters operational and working?

Answer: Rick stated he visited the building and observed that the filters were working and being changed, outside of the building the noise and dust was non existing.

Question: John Wooten asked are the rental of the new houses going to be listed or will they be available to employees only?

Answer: Rick will ask about the rental restrictions and get back with an update.

State Representative David Michel mentioned if there are issues with dust then call DEEP. DEEP was at Vitti's site and spoke to Mr. Vitti.

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Community Room Update: Michael Hyman mentioned that there is a slow start with access to the location but that will be remedied. Telmo who works at the building gave a tour, and everything is currently working. There is use of the entire space except for the kitchen. Mike will have office hours at the location to help with scheduling and reservations. Mike will set some dates and times so that residents can meet and tour the location. The 100 Black men will be hosting their March meeting at the site.

Question: What are the hours of availability for the space?

Answer: The space hours of availability for the community room will be 6:00 am -10:00pm Monday – Sunday. There are hours of shared space from 4:30pm -10:00pm Tuesday-Friday. Shared space from 9:00am -10:00pm on Saturday, Shared space from 9:00am -4:30pm on Sunday

The Stamford Manhattan Transit Group: Rick gave the update that the prior developer let the property deteriorate and the City instituted some blight efforts against the owners that were immediately addressed. The State Office took objection to the demolition since they had a deal with the prior developer to get hundreds of thousands of dollars overtime to mitigate the loss of historic structures, in which the parties of the Manhattan Transit Group were not a part of the deal. There is ongoing negotiation with the state as to when the payments will be made along with the release of the demolition delay when the agreement is signed. Hopefully both parties will be able to strike an agreement as early as the month of March so that things can move forward with the demolition including closing and selling the slivers of Garden Street. The city had a survey done so they can continue with the appraisals since two appraisals will be done, one for the city and one for the State. Rick gave thanks to Representative Terry Adams and Representative Elise Coleman for writing a letter of support to the mayor.

Question: Al Koproski asked about the Water Street Park and the fishing pier?

Answer: Representative Terry Adams stated that he inquired with the director of parks and recreation, and they are looking for funds to improve the fishing pier. The shrubs have not been removed since it is currently helping with safety by obstructing entrance to the pier until funding is available for repairs. Terry mentioned that he will follow-up with the director of Parks and Recreation and get back with an update.

Captain Tom Barcello-Stamford Police Department mentioned that 19 more recruits are being added to the work force and then stated he is open for any questions or concerns from the residents. No concerns were raised but Captain Barcello was commended about how safe it has become in the South End with the hang-out corners being cleaned up.

John Wooten inquired about the RFP for Lathan Wider Center. Sheila Barney answered that she will follow up with Ralph Blessing and get back with an update. Sheila announced that Frank Petiste has agreed to come to the March 14th meeting to give an update on the Atlantic Street project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm