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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, April 13, 2023

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, held a
Regular Meeting, on Thursday, April 13, 2023, commencing at 5:03pm via Zoom Meeting.

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 5:03pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Richard Evanko, Stephen Fischer and Kenny Green

Commissioner(s) Absent: Fran Pastore and Mara Siladi

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

Guest(s): Ralph Blessing, Rachel Breslin, Mitch Kidd and Stephanie Odenath

3. Public Comment

None

4. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting March 9, 2023

Chairman Evanko asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 9, 2023. Commissioner Fischer made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Green. **Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.**

5. Update of 0 West Park Place

- a. Second Amendment to Contract Request-0 West Park Place-Lisa Feinberg Esq. Ms. Odenath stated the Commissioners were provided with a 60-day extension request to amend the date schedule due to a delay with planning and zoning. Chairman Evanko stated the request is currently being reviewed by legal.

Commissioner Fischer made the motion to approve the extension for 60 days, pending approval of legal.

Chairman Evanko conducted a roll call vote on the extension vote:

Commissioner Fischer: Aye

Commissioner Green: Aye

Chairman Evanko: Aye

Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

b. Wellbuilt status update

Ms. Odenath stated they reviewed parking data, which will be important to the extended stay hotel project. There have been on going conversations with planning and zoning.

6. Update Status Stamford Veteran's Park Grant

Chairman Evanko provided the update to the Commissioners that the check has been cut and ready to be countersigned as he signed it. We presented all the documentation, the methodology and everything is ready to present the check.

7. Financial Report

a. Update of savings account funds

Chairman Evanko said we will be moving funds to a local institution into an account with full FDIC coverage. We'll have this in place for the next meeting hopefully.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Commissioner Green reviewed the financial reports for the Commissioners.

8. Report of Executive Director

Ms. Nadres had just one item to quickly share on the title of the mall. She reported the title search colleague went to the URC to look at the documents and hopefully that it is the final leg of this process.

9. Report of Assistant Director

Dr. Jackson reported on the Atlantic Street Town Center project. There had been questions regarding the proposal to remove the ramps. That is not going to happen at this time. There is action taking place between all of the parties relative to how to address that issue as it relates to the new hotel.

The disposal of the mobile laboratory. We were hoping it would have been gone on April 6th, however the person that wanted it had other items fall through and no longer wants it. The salvage yard will be picking it up to get rid of it.

Regarding the feasibility for the future of Parcel 36, he shared a summary of a meeting that took place regarding the potential for converting it into a housing facility.

10. Committee Report(s)

a. Budget Committee-P&L and Balance Sheet

Chairman Evanko stated we already covered this earlier in the agenda.

11. Update on 160 Atlantic Street proposal

a. Atlantic Street Town Center Mall Ramps

This was covered earlier in the agenda under the Assistant Director's report. Chairman Evanko added that the mall owner, the city, the DSSD are working together to come up with an acceptable plan.

b. New Hotel & URC Responsibilities

This was covered earlier in the agenda under the Assistant Director's report.

12. Parcel 36 Status Report

a. Disposal of mobile lavatory

This was covered earlier in the agenda under the Assistant Director's report.

b. Feasibility for future usage

This was covered earlier in the agenda under the Assistant Director's report.

13. Date and Time for Commissioner Orientation/Overview

Ms. Nadres reported that she just spoke with legal. The proposed date is April 26 from 5pm to 7:30pm for the session.

14. New Business

a. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 5pm)

15. Adjournment

Chairman Evanko asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fischer made the motion to adjourn with second from Commissioner Green at 5:47pm. **Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kenny Green

Secretary/Treasurer, Urban Redevelopment Commission