



CITY OF STAMFORD
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, December 14, 2023

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, held a **Regular Meeting, on Thursday, December 14, 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, Kenny Green and Mara Siladi

Commissioner(s) Absent: Fran Pastore

Commission Staff: Leah Kagan-Executive Director, and Theresa Bowen-Office Manager

Guest(s): None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting October 12, 2023

Chairman Evanko asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2023. Commissioner Fischer made the motion to approve the minutes with second from Commissioner Siladi. **Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.**

5. Report of Executive Director

Ms. Kagan stated that she had no formal report. A few things, she wanted to discuss:

- Continuing our personnel conversation from the last meeting.
- The Commission should have received the email from Stephanie Odenath from Well Built regarding 0 West Park Place. They have submitted their plans to the planning and zoning boards.
- We have to evaluate how we will move our initiatives forward. Those 2 initiatives being one you know, closing out 0 West Park Place and reviewing the status of any remaining URC properties where there's other opportunities for development or any other use. As well as distributing URC funds for the purposes that it was always intended to be used for.

- Bringing on a consultant to help execute those 2 specific initiatives and support her in that work.

6. Committee Reports

a. Budget Committee

i. FY 23-24 Budget

Commissioner Green stated he has taken a preliminary look at the budget; he thinks just with the changes that we've had that we should do a more thorough review.

ii. Review Financial Reports

Commissioner Green reviewed the financial reports for the Commission.

Commissioner Fischer made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with second from Commissioner Siladi. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

**The Commissioners and Ms. Kagan entered Executive Session at 5:25pm and exited at 5:50pm
Chairman Evanko stated no motions were made and no votes were taken.**

b. Personnel Committee

Commissioner Fischer made a motion to increase the salary of Ms. Bowen, Office Manager by 4% effective January 1, 2024, with second from Commissioner Siladi.
Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Disposition of Final Property (Parcel 36)

Chairman Evanko stated this item was discussed earlier during the Executive Director's report. With the disposition of final property, we talked about bringing on a consultant. The consultant will help with the final property.

New Business

b. Next Meeting

i. Approving the 2024 URC Regular Meeting Calendar

Commissioner Fischer made the motion to approve the 2024 URC Regular Meeting Calendar as presented with second from Commissioner Green.
Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

ii. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Siladi stated she will not be available for the next Commission meeting.

iii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 5pm)

8. Adjournment

Chairman Evanko asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fischer made the motion to adjourn with a second from Chairman Evanko at 6:06pm. **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