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URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, May 14, 2020

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, held a **Regular Meeting, on Thursday, May 14, 2020 commencing at 4:30pm.** The Regular Meeting was held via conference call from the Urban Redevelopment Commission Conference Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, 9th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

1. Call to Order via Zoom Meeting

Chairman Diamond called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present via teleconference: Mark Diamond, Stephen Fischer, James Huerta and Jonathan Winkel

Commission Staff: Thomas Madden- Executive Director, Dr. Tommie Jackson-Assistant Director, Theresa Bowen,-Office Manager

Guests: Rick Redniss, Pat Parry and John Varamo

3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2020

Chairman Diamond asked if all Commissioners have read the minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 16, 2020. Commissioner Winkel made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Commissioner Fischer. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Letter Regarding Veterans Park Partnership

Mr. Madden reviewed the letter received to the Commission about the monetary request received from the Veterans Park Partnership. Mr. Redniss provided an overview of the Veteran's Park Partnership and the renovations at the park. Commissioner Fischer stated that he is a volunteer working with the Veterans Park Partnership and provided additional information. Chairman Diamond stated that additional information is needed. Mr. Madden responded that he will work obtain the park plans for distribution. After discussion by the Commissioners a written response to the Mayor and Veterans Park Partnership will be drafted.

5. Report of Executive Director

a. Urby Development/Parcel 36

Mr. Madden updated the Commissioners on the Food Truck Parc. The Commissioners discussed the viability of the Food Truck Parc. No decision was made.

b. Independent Financial Audit

Dr. Jackson gave a historically URC audit update and stated that an independent audit would provide the URC with methods and practices independent from the City. Commissioner Huerta stated that an operational as well as financial audit is needed. The Commissioners were in agreement.

c. Park Square West Phase III

Mr. Madden stated that a draft LDA is being worked on with the Wellbuilt Company and is under attorney review. He also stated a zoning change is still required. Lastly, the DSSD has requested use of the lot on Saturdays for a farmers market for free of charge as well as the next door restaurants usage for outdoor dining.

Mr. Madden stated a draft appraisal of the URC property at the mall will be sent when finalized.

6. Unfinished/Old Business

Chairman Diamond requested an update on the clock tower. Mr. Madden responded with the current temporary occupancy and that construction has been put on hold due to Covid-19.

7. New Business

a. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Fischer asked about green space in the URC District plan. Chairman Diamond requested it be sent to the Commissioners.

ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 4:30pm)

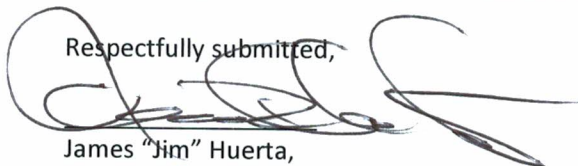
8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Diamond requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Winkel with second from Commissioner Huerta. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



James "Jim" Huerta,
Secretary/Treasurer Urban Redevelopment Commission