

Town of East Hartford

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3-20-19 Redevelopment Agency

A Regular Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** was held in the Town Hall, Conference Room B, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chair McCreery

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Ellen McCreery, Chair
Gerry Maine, Vice Chair
Tony Matta
Craig Stevenson

Absent:

John Ryan

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. December 5, 2018. Mr. Maine made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Matta. **APPROVED.**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Members discussed trying a new time for the meeting. Agreement was reached to try out a noon time for the June meeting. Eileen will reserve a room.

Ms. Buckheit discussed some ways to secure the lot next to St. Rose School. The site is currently clear of cars, but is not in good condition with no grass and tire marks throughout the site. The police department is keeping an eye on illegal parking. The school building was listed as available for lease. The members discussed some low maintenance fencing options and planting of grass. Also current owner should be contacted to gage any interest in purchasing.

MOTION – The Agency would like to request some form of low maintenance barriers to the lot to prevent parking and have grass planted. The Agency is authorizing using its funding to cover the expense. By Mr. Maine, seconded by Mr. Matta. **APPROVED**.

Eileen reviewed the status of 550 and 590 Burnside Avenue. Daley Court demolition is complete. Zoning and site constrictions were reviewed and discussed. The Agency would like some research done with staff from Planning and Engineering regarding stormwater issues and potential development costs related to the site. Eileen will provide staff comments before the next meeting.

Area 1 – Downey Building. Eileen reported the new owner has agreed to the terms of rehabilitating the building with the Town. She will contact them about attending a future meeting and will check with Rich Gentile regarding RDA's role.

Area 2 – Farmington Bank building and vacant lot. Eileen will request that Tom York provide an update on the status and attend a future meeting.

5. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- a. Ms. Buckheit provided an update on the Silver Lane activities. The RFQ to solicit developers was advertised and are due back the first week of April. The transportation study is ongoing. Plans for demolition of the Showcase building are also proceeding.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. **MOTION** by Mr. Maine, seconded by Mr. Matta.
APPROVED at 7:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Buckheit
Director of Development

cc: Town Clerk
Development Department