

Town of East Hartford

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Meeting Minutes 5-18-22 Redevelopment Agency

A Special Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** was held in the Welling Conference Room of East Hartford Town Hall, on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

1. Call to Order

Chair McCreery called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Ellen McCreery, Chair
Gerry Maine, Vice Chair
Tony Matta
John Ryan

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director
Michael Daniels, Economic Development Coordinator

Goman & York teams:

Denise Robidoux
Dave Correia
Brandon Mejias-Wasyl

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of revised minutes of special meeting, 4-6-2022.
Motion by Mr. Matta, seconded by Mr. Ryan, approved.

Approval of minutes of regular meeting, 4-20-2022.
Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Matta, approved.

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 5-4-2022 with an addition to note the members discussed several options for acquiring properties.

Motion by Mr. Maine, seconded by Mr. Matta, approved.

4. Discussion of Silver Lane Revitalization Area Redevelopment Plan Draft

The revised draft will be posted on the Redevelopment Agency webpage on Thursday, May 19, for public review, in advance of the public meeting to take place on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 PM in the Town Council Chamber. The plan will then be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their June 8 meeting, return to the Redevelopment Agency for approval after a 35-day waiting period for a special meeting in July, and then move to the Town Council for final approval in August.

The Goman & York team presented the adjustments to the draft based on the comments from the members at the prior meeting. This included a map showing minimal potential of residential displacement, a map showing the properties with the highest priority for redevelopment, a note emphasizing the potential for small-scale businesses and services, and a more detailed explanation of demographic segmentation. The team will bring a poster-sized image of the area to the public meeting.

Mr. Matta suggested updating the section on prior planning studies to note whether they are being endorsed, rejected, or simply included for reference, and potentially moving them to the appendix. Mr. Ryan suggested considering the new plan during the next update of the Plan's Conservation & Development.

5. Project Updates

Construction is continuing at the Downey Building. The Town has launched a Small Business Assistance Program funded by ARPA and is partnering with the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce to promote it.

6. Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Maine, seconded by Mr. Matta, approved 5:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Buckheit
Development Director

cc: Town Clerk
Development Department