

Town of East Hartford

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Redevelopment Agency

A Special Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** was held virtually, via Microsoft Teams, on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a.** The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM by Chair McCreery.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Craig Stevenson

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director
Donna McKenzie

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 3-4-2021.
Motion by Mr. Matta, Seconded by Mr. Maine, approved.

550-560 Burnside

Habitat for Humanity made a presentation at the March 4th RDA meeting regarding the proposed development of ten single-family homes on the site. The Agency favorably recommended moving ahead to the next steps for Habitat's proposal at that meeting. Following this, Habitat presented their proposal at a Town Council meeting. The councilors discussed topics including the standards of the road construction on private property and the creation of a homeowners' association. The councilors expressed some reservations about the project, but Ms. Buckheit will work with Habitat to provide the councilors with more information about costs and maintenance to help move the project forward.

1252 Main Street

The owners of the property have been having difficulty financing the remainder of the renovations following the death of one of the owners. The deadline from the Inspections & Permits Department to bring the building up to required standards recently passed. Ms. Buckheit will speak to Greg Grew about options for the property going forward. Chair McCreery said she would like to know if the remaining owner wishes to complete the renovations or to sell the property.

Project Updates

Ms. Buckheit discussed various vacant or underutilized properties around town including the hotel at 363 Roberts Street and the former Bank of America building at 99 Founders Plaza. First Merchants Group is marketing the former Farmington Bank building on Main Street for sale. The Town is looking to hire outside counsel to begin moving towards a purchase and sale agreement for the Showcase Cinemas site.

Donna McKenzie asked if the Town sells individual lots for the purpose of new home construction. Ms. Buckheit said this happens only in rare circumstances such as when the Town takes a property to demolish a blighted house. Ms. Buckheit said the Purchasing Department would announce the sale of any available property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Matta, seconded by Mr. Ryan, approved 1:33 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Buckheit
Development Director

cc: Town Clerk
Development Department