PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION **OCTOBER 9, 2019**

A Public Hearing of the EAST HARTFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was held in Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT on October 9, 2019.

Chair Ryan opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381. Secretary Carol Noel read the legal ad for this public hearing that was published in the Journal Inquirer on Thursday, September 26th and Thursday, October 3rd.

Present:

John Ryan, Chair Henry Pawlowski, Vice Chair Carol Noel, Secretary Travis Simpson Valentine Povinelli, Jr. Stephen Roczynski Angela Parkinson Sidney Soderholm, Alternate

Absent:

Also Present:

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner

PRESENTATION: Public forum on the Silver Lane Corridor Study hosted by (1) the Silver Lane Advisory Committee; (2) Capitol Region Council of Governments – Emily Hultquist; and (3) TranSystems – Casey Hardin to present the Transportation Study.

The following people came forward to comment:

Esther Clarke, 197 Langford Lane, asked what it meant that CRCOG would approve the plan and if so, did that mean that the road could not be changed and had to be built as designed by them.

A resident of Scott Street asked that the plan maintain a separate pathway – approximately 3' wide – down the Silver Lane corridor exclusively for bicycles.

Richard Bates, 103 Timber Trail, stated that he is opposed to a plan that shows two lanes of traffic merging into one lane just beyond an intersection.

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Alyson Ibbotson addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant on the following item:

SPECIAL PERMIT: 600-750 Connecticut Boulevard – Under Section 207.9; modification to a previously approved special permit to increase the electronic portion of two Electronic Message Center (EMC) signs from 50 sq. ft. to 150 sq. ft. for "Hoffman Auto Group".

Assessor's Map-Lot: 5-153/154

Applicant: Lauretano Sign Group – Alyson Ibbotson

No one came forward.

TEXT AMENDMENT: Under Section 712; revision to Section 305.2.g to add a provision that allows for the modification to any of the multi-family dwelling requirements in the R-5 district including setbacks, parking, lot area, lot width, lot frontage, separation between buildings, lot coverage, lot area per dwelling unit, livable floor area, and open space, for housing developments with greater than 300 dwelling units.

Applicant: Hall Keen East Hartford Limited Partnership

No one came forward.

Upon a motion by Carol Noel, seconded by Travis Simpson, the Commission Voted (7-0) to start the Regular Session @ 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner