

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, February 10, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a.** The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by Chair McCreery.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

none

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director
Jeff Cormier, Planner

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 12-2-20.
Motion by Mr. Stevenson, Seconded by Mr. Matta, approved.

550-560 Burnside

Eileen provided a summary of the two responses from the RFP. Copies were emailed to the members for review prior to the meeting.

One response was by a collaboration of Censere Consulting, LLC, Paul B Bailey Architect and Vase Management. The proposal is for 550 and 590 and for a total of 74 units. Affordable units would comprise 80% of the units. These would be in two buildings (54 at 550 Burnside and 22 at 590).

The second response was from Habitat for Humanity which is proposing ten homes for first-time homebuyers. They are partnering with F.A. Hesketh & Associates.

Jeff reviewed both plans in general in regards to zoning. Each proposal would rely on the incentive development zone which provides for some flexibility.

Members discussed the intention of the Burnside Redevelopment Plan, which was to reduce density in that area, and promote new homeownership. Members also discussed the difficulty with 590 Burnside site as it is a rear lot and irregular shape.

MOTION – The Agency will request a formal presentation by Habitat for Humanity on their proposal to the members. Approved

MOTION – At this time, the Agency will not move forward with the proposal from Censere Consulting LLC et al. Approved.

Eileen will reach out to Habitat to find a date for a presentation to the Agency.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Maine, seconded by Mr. Ryan, approved 12:59 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Buckheit
Development Director

cc: Town Clerk
Development Department