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Redevelopment Agency

A Special Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** was held virtually, via Microsoft Teams, on Wednesday, March 4, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a.** The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM 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
Jeff Cormier, Planner
Kris McKelvie
Karraine Moody
Dave Ziaks
David Quisenberry
Ken LaForge

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 2-10-2021.
Motion by Mr. Maine, Seconded by Mr. Matta, approved.

550-560 Burnside

Habitat for Humanity, along with their partners including F. A. Hesketh & Associates has been invited to make a presentation on their response to the RFP. Kris McKelvie shared a PowerPoint for the potential redevelopment of the site which includes 10 single family homes and common areas.

Mr. Matta and Maine discussed overall site and location of northern home. Ken LaForge responded that the layout was to foster a community neighborhood feel as well as to retain mature trees.

Mr. Stevenson expressed support for the project and asked questions related to how the homeowner agreement will work. Karraine explained that this model is widely used on their sites. It requires the homeowners to attend a couple of meetings a year and make decision on the maintenance of the association and works to create cohesion within the neighborhood. She also explained that Habitat does not charge interest, assists with insurance, and gives homeowners lower costs of operation due to the Zero Energy Ready Home program.

Habitat added a storage shed at the rear of the house. Also will be offering a variety of facades to prevent a “cookie cutter look”. Roofs will be angled to keep possibility of eventually adding solar. Several issues remain to be worked out such as location of dumpsters and fire hydrants. Those issues will be addressed in the land use meetings.

Several members discussed the possible reuse of 590 Burnside. The site is a rear lot and difficult to repurpose. Habitat will discuss again to see if there is a way to utilize the site.

MOTION – Redevelopment Agency is favorably recommending that Habitat proposal move forward to next steps including but not limited to land use agency approvals. Passed 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Maine, seconded by Mr. Matta, approved 1:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Buckheit
Development Director

cc: Town Clerk
Development Department