

Town of East Hartford

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Meeting Minutes 4-4-22 Redevelopment Agency

A Special Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** was held virtually, via Microsoft Teams, on Monday, April 4, 2022.

1. Call to Order

Chair McCreery called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 team:

Mike Goman
Denise Robidoux
Don Poland

3. Preparation for Silver Lane Revitalization Area Redevelopment Plan Public Informational Meeting

Ms. Buckheit began by discussing the ways in which the public meeting is being promoted. The Gazette and the Journal Inquirer both covered it in articles. The Town has promoted the meeting on social media and shared it via the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Poland provided an overview of the items that will be presented at the meeting. He will begin by discussing work that has been conducted so far, including setting the boundaries of the redevelopment area and a market analysis. He will present the area in comparison to nearby commercial corridors, including the neighboring Spencer Street area in Manchester. He then will discuss potential tools to improve the redevelopment area, prior to public comments. More specific recommendations will not come until subsequent meetings.

Chair McCreery asked how the redevelopment area compares with other redevelopment areas on Main Street and Burnside Avenue. Ms. Buckheit said this area differs as it ties in with the recent studies of the Silver Lane corridor and will bring a greater focus to the zoning of the area.

Mr. Ryan asked if spot zoning was a concern. Dr. Poland and Ms. Buckheit said the comprehensive redevelopment plan process will avoid spot zoning. Mr. Ryan said he is pleased with the planning so far overall.

Staff from Goman & York and the agency members discussed the logistics of the meeting and further promotion. Mr. Maine will distribute flyers to Phillips Farm residents.

4. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Chair McCreery adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Buckheit
Development Director

cc: Town Clerk
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