

CITY OF DERBY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

DERBY CITY HALL – ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS – 6:30 P.M.

Chair Glenn Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Glenn Stevens
Greg Russo
Richard T. Dunne
John Orazietti
Michael J. Kelleher

Also Present: The Honorable Mayor Anthony Staffieri
Joseph Coppola, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Stevens informed those present that Mr. Skolnick's mother passed away and he is not going to be able to be here this evening. Also, Atty. Coppola is not going to be here this evening.

He said he would like to continue with the public portion and the minutes and that he will be able to give a brief update. The board members can then vote on whether or not to table the remaining items for either a special meeting or for the next regular meeting to be held next month.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Russo with a second by Mr. Orazietti to **TABLE** item #7 Update from the Developer and item #8 Update regarding relocation agent. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PORTION

Dan Waleski, 21 Elm Street, Derby, CT – It's not a major item but as you know this is a major city development – it has many facets and parts to it. It has serious ramifications and impact to our city and it seems to me that your agenda, particularly with regard to Item #7 and Item #8, it seems to me that those two descriptions of those agendas are rather broad and really don't tell you too much. So what I'm trying to suggest is that you try to be a little more specific when it comes to redevelopment in regards to somebody making a presentation. Is this an engineering person? What aspect is he talking about? Is it a legal aspect? You know what I'm trying to get.

Mr. Stevens – Point well taken.

Mr. Waleski – And lastly I might say this is – this project is a great interest in the City. People try to follow it the best they can. And if you're a little more specific in the agenda here it would be awfully helpful to a lot of people.

Carl Yacobacci, 176 Main Street, Derby, CT – I just want to know if there's any updates on when the actual demolition will be starting on the buildings downtown. I notice that the asbestos people haven't been there in about three weeks or so and I didn't know if there was any progress going as to when the wrecking ball will come in (inaudible.) Anybody downtown here (inaudible) of us being able to get back (inaudible.)

Mr. Stevens – I'll have an update on that in a few minutes.

Arlene Yacobacci, 10 Lombardi Drive, Derby, CT – I notice a lot of people using the Greenway Trail and it's nice that there's parking down there but I don't see a provision for that parking (inaudible.) Is that issue going to be addressed? The other (inaudible) is the parking garage.

Mr. Dunne – I can address that. The Trail is a project I started when I was here and my agency oversees now. There was never an original plan for parking area at that end; however it is a concern and we're waiting to see what the concept plan update is from the developer so that we can negotiate some space over there. It will probably be on-street parking at the end of what was proposed to be the residential area – somewhere around that amphitheater area because there will need to be some extra parking there – if a small lot can be positioned in there. We've also toyed with the idea of in the past creating parking on the other side of the bridge in that other area there. So it's a matter of feasibility. But yeah it's a concern.

Hearing no one else wishing to address the board...

PUBLIC PORTION CLOSED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. Russo with a second by Mr. Dunne to **TABLE** the minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting. **Motion carried.**

UPDATE FROM DEVELOPER

Mr. Stevens said that Derby Jewelers is scheduled to close Friday, September 15, 2006. The relocation agent has met with all the owners and is completing the reports regarding the relocation process for the various owners. The appraisal for Derby Billiards has been completed. The Mayor is currently in negotiations with them. All the buildings, except Derby Jewelers, have been remediated for asbestos. Once Derby Jewelers is closed the asbestos remediation will be completed on that site. Machinery should be in placed to commence demolition of the buildings in October. Mr. Stevens noted that he has not seen the asbestos reports – he is not sure how many of the buildings will be coming down “hot” or clean. Mr. Dunne said he believes that they are all coming down clean. It was noted that during the demolition of the buildings there will probably be lane closures on Main Street (Route 34.)

The board members discussed holding a special meeting before the next regular meeting on October 10, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Russo with a second by Mr. Oraziotti to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Finn
Recording Secretary

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RECORDING OF MEETING.**

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