

**CITY OF DERBY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
1 ELIZABETH STREET
DERBY, CT 06418**

MINUTES

**APRIL 8 2008
DERBY CITY HALL – ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**

Call to order: Mayor Staffieri called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: All rose and pledged allegiance

Roll Call: *Present:* Greg Russo, Ken Hughes, Mike Kelleher, Glen Stevens and Joseph Bomba
Also Present: Corporation Counsel; Joseph Coppola

Approval of minutes -

November 13 2007 Regular Meeting – *motion to accept the minutes by Mike Kelleher, second by Greg Russo with some corrections: second by Mr. Stevens, all in favor, Ken Hughes and Joe Bomba abstained, motion passes.* Corrections: 3rd pg, 1st paragraph, 4 lines down: the City of New London is 6.2 square miles, Mr. Russo is not sure that is correct. The next sentence they were economically deprived, they was distressed, should be: they **were** distressed. The next page, 1st full paragraph, 3 lines down, Kathleen Mithcells, should be: **Mitchells** and tried to kid with them, Mr. Russo is not sure that is accurate. 2/3 down from that; makes sound like a lot to you, should be: that **may** sound like a lot to you. Under presentation of updated concept plan by Robert Skolnick, 2nd line down; they earlier plan should be: **the** earlier plan.

Special Meeting ; Joint Board of Aldermen/Redevelopment Agency – Dec 11, 2007 – *motion by Mike Kelleher, second by Greg Russo, all in favor, motion passes.*

January 8 2008 – *Motion by Greg Russo to accept with corrections, second by Ken Hughes, all in favor, Joe Bomba abstained, motion passes.* Corrections: under letter of resignation by Rick Dunne, 3rd line up from the bottom; my assistance will be helpful t the ongoing, should be: helpful **to** the ongoing...

Mr. Stevens wanted it on record he has returned the book that Mr. Yacobacci distributed at the Nov 13, 2007 meeting.

Election of Chair - Motion to nominate Joe Bomba as Chair by Ken Hughes, second by Greg Russo. Motion to close nominations by Ken Hughes, second by Glenn Stevens, all in favor, motion passes.

Joe Bomba is Chairman of the Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Bomba said he is looking forward to working with the Agency and with the City.

Additions, Deletions, Corrections and Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Greg Russo, second by Glenn Stevens, all in favor, motion passes.

Public Portion:

Mr. Dan Waleski – 21 Elm Street. Mr. Waleski read a letter to be put in the record. “It’s impossible to explain my relief at the news by the City to discontinue the involvement of Ceruzzi and Company in the City’s efforts to redevelop downtown Derby. I also want to acknowledge my delight with the appointment of Alderman Bomba as the new Chairman of this highly important agency. Many of our citizens have and are giving much thought to what our community should look like and function for the future. After several attempts we must succeed in this present undertaking. In my efforts in this regard I have discovered an up to date volume titled: “Preserving and Enhancing Communities. A Guide for Citizens, Planners and Policy Makers. In my judgement this publication was compiled just for our time and place. This work emphasizes the “Community Preservation” approach as opposed to the “top-down” regulatory mechanism as witnessed by the present condition of downtown and respective neighborhoods. This work encourages citizen involvement with smart growth as its core. I am happy to present this volume to Mr. Bomba as a token to his chairmanship and towards the future success of this agency, Daniel Waleski – concerned citizen.”

Motion to close public portion by Glenn Stevens, second by Greg Russo, all in favor, motion passes. Public Portion closed at 6:43 p.m.

Executive Session

– Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m., and invite Attorney Joseph Coppola and Mayor Staffieri to discuss HALO project and the Downtown project, subject to adjournment by Ken Hughes, second by Glenn Stevens, all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn by Mike Kelleher, second by Ken Hughes, all in favor.

Executive Session ended and meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary*

These minutes are subject to the approval of the Redevelopment Agency at their next regularly scheduled meeting.