

CITY OF SHELTON, CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes for the regular meeting, Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 7:30 P.M.
S.E.D.C. Headquarters, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT.

Minutes should be considered a draft version until approved by the CAB at their regular meeting.

Members Present: James Oram, Chairperson, Rebecca Twombly, Joseph DeFilippo, Guy Beardsley, Joseph Bienkowski & Judith Augusta

Members Absent: Cheryl Dzubina, Regis Dognin and David Zamba

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests(s): Elsbeth Lydon, Library Director, and James Ryan, SEDC

OLD BUSINESS:

Joseph DeFilippo made a motion to accept the November, 2010 minutes and the motion was seconded by Guy Beardsley and so moved. Minutes were filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Oram told the group he received a call from Rick Schultz of P&Z. P&Z is requesting the CAB to look at a proposal for downtown. The owner of the Mill Street Variety wants to move his business across the street where he lives on the second floor and move his business to the 1st floor. The proposed plan includes:

- Parking in front of building & include removal of the telephone pole
- A curb cut
- Use of one on street parking space

Jim Oram displayed the CAB's Vision to downtown for discussion to see if this proposal was in keeping with the Vision. CAB wants to encourage business downtown. Much discussion ensued. Board members listed concerns about the impact on neighbors, traffic safety and complete coverage of the property for parking.

A motion to have Jim Oram compose a letter, which will address all the concerns that CAB discussed this evening to P&Z, was made and so moved. Motion was filed.

Jim Ryan then gave a PowerPoint presentation:

The presentation touched on some of the following "Update":

- Riverwalk Extension Plan
Jim handed out an artist rendering of the Riverwalk Site Plan
- Phase 3 Canal Wooster Street Design Area Phase 3
- Budgets – Jim addressed this issue
- Phase 3 Downtown Revitalization
- Right of Way Map example
- Riverwalk Exit Project
- Phase 1 of Riverwalk (new)
- Rotondo Engineering, LLC cost estimate for :
Preliminary Design – Phase 1
Preliminary Design – Phase 2
- Rotary Pavillion – Phase 2
- Brownfields Sites
- Winter Conditions
- NVC CEDS

Jim Ryan also report on his visit to the Health Net Building & its status and also their 2nd building in the Scinto Towers.

Jim Oram stated that in the next Shelton Life there will be an article with photos about CAB's vision for downtown written by Jim Ryan with Jim Oram's help.

Jim Oram – Recruiting New Business

Jim asked the members to consider what businesses they would like to see in Shelton and bring these ideas to the meeting next month.

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. was made by Rebecca Twombly and seconded by Guy Beardsley and so moved. The motion was filed.

The next meeting of the CAB will be held March 16th, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at the SEDC Office, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT.

**Please note:*

If you are unable to attend this meeting please call Jim Oram at 203.924.9134 (afternoons or evenings) or email him at jamesf45@sbcglobal.net.

Respectively submitted,
Elizabeth D. Kingersky, Recording Secretary