## City of Shelton, Citizens Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. S.E.D.C Office, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT.

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

Members Present: James Oram, Chairperson, Judith Augusta, Joseph Bienkowski,

Guy Beardsley, Regis Dogin, Robert Novak, and Rebecca

Twombly

**Members Absent:** Joseph Defilippo, Cheryl Dzubina, and David Zamba.

**Special Guests:** James Ryan, Richard Widomski, Birmingham residents, Kathy

Hotova, and Sue Cordone (new president of the Birmingham

Condo Association.)

A quorum was present.

James Oram opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Guy Beardsley made a motion that the January minutes be corrected to read that the grants are \$200,000.00 dollars. Joe Bienkowski seconded the motion. Guy Beardsley then made a motion to accept the January 8, 2014 minutes as amended. Rebecca Twombly seconded the motion all agreed. Motions filed.

#### .NEW BUSINESS:

James Ryan updated the board on the progress of Canal Street road improvements, riverwalk design/construction and environmental grant applications. The status of the Chromium Process building and the Transportation study was discussed. The group discussed the impact of the Howe Ave. fire and the possible future of the Matto block.

Guy Beardsley made a motion that James Oram write an article for Shelton Life on the heroism of the fire department and how the whole city came together to help the victims of the fire downtown and possible outcomes. Joe Bienkowski seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion filed.

James Oram then opened the meeting to the Birmingham residents for them to express their concerns and what they would like to see done to the area. A discussion followed. Parking, the speed of Canal Street traffic and the effects of the riverwalk are prime concerns of the residents. Visitors to the Avalon Bay apartments often use Birmingham spaces. High speed traffic on Canal St. has become an issue that residents have taken up with the Chief of Police. The need for a buffer between the riverwalk and the Birmingham continues to be a major concern. Residents hope to review the design before construction continues. Everyone hopes for speedy removal of the Chromium Process building and the additional parking it will bring.

A motion was made by Rebecca Twombly to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Regis Dognin seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion filed.

The next meeting of the CAB will be held on, March 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the S.E.D.C. Office 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT

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Respectively Submitted by Nancy A. Noga, Recording Secretary

Rebecca Twombly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35.p.m. Robert Novak seconded it. All agreed. Motion was filed.
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