

CITY OF SHELTON, CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes for the regular meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 2014 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, Rebecca Twombly, Guy Beardsley, Joseph DeFilippo, Joseph Bienkowski, (arrived at 7:50 p.m.) Regis Dognin, David Zamba and Judith Augusta

Members Absent: Cheryl Dzubina, Robert Novak

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Jim Oram opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests(s): James Ryan, SEDC, Elspeth Lydon, Library Director and Richard Widomski

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved. Guy Beardsley made the motion to approve and seconded by Rebecca Twombly and so moved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A PowerPoint presentation was given by James Ryan of SEDC.

It contained some of the following information:

- Site Improvement Contract
- Canal Street
- Architect Drawing of Phase 3
- Phase 3 Housatonic Riverwalk Extension

At this point in the presentation Rebecca Twombly was asked to give an update on the Birmingham crossing, etc. Some discussion ensued. Jim Oram requested specific recommendations so that he may submit them to the Alderman. Jim would attend the Alderman Meeting/Public Safety Committee with Rebecca and CAB members who were interested in attending.

A motion was made by Guy Beardsley and seconded by Joe DeFilippo to have Chairman Oram draft a letter regarding fencing and the entire area involving the Birmingham, Avalon and Canal Street. It was so moved.

The PowerPoint continued:

- Brownsfield Update
- Rolfite and Spongex Progress

- Rolfite Technical Support
- Grant Application Update
- Transportation Opportunities Study
- Update on Study
Matto Block

Jim Oram at this point in the meeting discussed the letter he drafted and passed out at the beginning of the meeting regarding the Matto property.

The PowerPoint continued:

- Photos of the Matto Block
- Anticipated Demolition of Private Property owned by John Watts
- The (2) Downtowns - Shelton and Derby
- Walking Distances and TOD
- Open Space Connections
- Existing Conditions
- Riverwalk weather delays continues
- NVC Economic Development District

Other:

- Shelton Life
- Flag Day

At this point Jim asked the Board's opinions of the letter he drafted and if it represented their views. He was open for their approval and suggestions.

Rebecca Twombly made a motion to go ahead with Jim's draft letter. Guy Beardsley seconded the motion and it was so moved.

Discussion ensued regarding a survey that was the City cancelled. Rebecca stated that she would present the topic of the survey to the Birmingham Board at the next meeting to have them consider doing a survey.

Jim Ryan stated the Avalon had expressed interest in a survey as well.

Regis Dognin spoke regarding the need for a Downtown master plan. Much discussion ensued.

At the next meeting of the CAB Jim Oram stated he would discuss the "Plans and Vision" of the CAB.

At this point in the meeting Jim Oram the PowerPoint of the CAB 2010 "Plans and Vision".

Rebecca Twombly made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Guy Beardsley.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the CAB will be held April 16, 2014 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