

CITY OF SHELTON
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
7:30 PM
SEDC Offices

The following members were present: Chairman Guy Beardsley, Rob Novak, Rebecca Twombly, and Joseph Bienkowski. (Cheryl Dziubina and Judy Augusta arrived at 8:20 PM)

Chairman Guy Beardsley called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members absent: Dave Zamba, Jim Oram

Also, present Paul Grimmer, Aleta Miner, Marc Weissman, Sue Cordone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting 9/18/18

Chairman Beardsley made a motion to table the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board dated September 18, 2018; seconded by Joe Bienkowski. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - Rebecca Twombly reported on the progress of the Birmingham parking garage repairs. Two different engineering firms explained the problem with the original construction. However, as the repairs go on, other conditions have been unearthed slowing down the progress. The repair work to the deck is proceeding as well as replacement of the four steel beams. By spring the final coating will go on. The Birmingham will be looking for a new landscaper (with a rubber-tipped snowplow). Tony Dias was recommended by Rob Novak who provided Mr. Dias' telephone number to Rebecca.

There was nothing to report on the Avalon at this time. Rebecca has contact information of someone from the Avalon and will reach out to see if she is available to attend CAB meetings and provide an update. Chairman Beardsley agreed and said every other meeting would be a possibility was well.

REVIEW OF SEDC ACTIVITIES - Paul Grimmer from SEDC gave an update on ongoing activities within downtown.

223 Canal Street is wrapping up. Contaminated lead soil was found and treated. The soil was then put through a sorter separating rocks from the dirt. The next step was placing the soil in a pug mill and an amendment was added to the soil as part of the treatment process. The process reduced costs substantially and enabled the soil to remain onsite.

Star Pin a hazardous building material survey has been completed. Loads of lead, asbestos, pcbs and mercury and a large number of drums with various volatile contents have been

identified. The costs to remove all of that is probably \$700,000. The City will be applying for funding to the State CT DECD to assist with the costs of the remediation. The City took over the property through tax foreclosure.

Canal Street Reconstruction - The city did a request for proposal for engineers. The SEDC recommended Cardinal Engineering to do the engineering design which will consist of Canal Street from Wooster Street to the canal locks and Wooster Street from Howe Avenue to Canal Street. The total length is approximately 1500 linear feet. Hopefully, by early spring the engineer design should be complete which will enable the city to initiate construction next year. Joe Bienkowski asked whether or not the railroad crossing will be open. Paul Grimmer replied we will work with the DOT to that end.

NEW BUSINESS - It was recommended that the members take home the draft Citizens Participation Plan to review for next month's meeting. Chairman Beardsley noted sections that he would like to have the members review.

OTHER -

Status of New Members – Three names have been proposed for consideration of appointment to the CAB. The names are before the Mayor at this time. (Sue Cordone, The Birmingham, Kevin Kosty, Rev. Ken Smith.)

Items for the Good of the Board - Chairman Beardsley asked Marc Weissman to introduce himself at tonight's meeting. Marc stated he has lived in Shelton for 10 years at 55 Bridge Street. His concern is with parking. Marc had a television film business called *Looking Up: A View from the Valley* which ran for four years on Comcast Channel 10 and on YouTube. Although he no longer is doing the show, Marc remains interested in what is going on in the community.

The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be on November 20, 2018. Members of the public are always invited.

Rebecca Twombly made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM seconded by Joe Bienkowski. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Please note: Members who are unable to attend next month's meeting, please call Betty Kingersky at 203-339-1452 or contact her by email at bluvmusic1@aol.com

Respectfully submitted,

Aleta Miner