

# **CITY OF SHELTON, CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

## **Minutes for the regular meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2017 Shelton, CT.**

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

**Members Present:** James Oram, Regis Dognin, Judith Augusta, Rebecca Twombly, Joseph DeFilippo, Robert Novak, Guy Beardsley, Joseph Bienkowski and David Zamba

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Dzuibina

**Guest:** Susan Cordone, President, Birmingham Condo Association

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Jim Oram who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved with one correction. David Zamba was present at that meeting. Joseph DeFilippo made the motion to approve and Guy Beardsley seconded so moved and filed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim Oram reported that Paul Grimmer asked that the group for ideas about bringing Canal Street renovations to completion. Jim drafted a letter he passed out for discussion and editing by the CAB membership. Much discussion ensued. Jim will now refine the letter and send it to Paul.

The following are Jim's draft and CAB's additional remarks:

- A. Take action to allow opening of the Wooster Street Railroad Crossing.**  
*What is the problem?*
- B. Install traffic calming measures on Canal Street**  
*There is still speeding, etc. and there are more children. Jim would like to talk to the Chief of Police about the use of removable speed bumps.*
- C. Ensure adequate parking for continuing development.**  
*Bike ways and parking security*
- D. Maintain or improve parking for residents of the Birmingham Condominiums.**
- E. Add street level commercial uses for remaining development & restaurants.**  
*NOT massage parlors, tattoo parlors or psychics*
- F. Make the northern terminus of Canal Street a destination:**  
*i.e. restaurants, retail stores, maintain locks, pursue the fish ladder, deli type grocery store, Farmer's Market could be made into an all year market. Need better signage for new coffee shop.*
- G. Clean remaining canal segments, establish water flow and/or aeration.**  
*This is a health issue*

**H. Establish clearly marked, well-lit pedestrian connections between Canal Street and the rest of the downtown.**

***Additional pedestrian (walkway) crossing***

**I. Collaborate with Walmart, Big Y, and other retailers to provide a shuttle bus.**

**J. Motivate property owners to clean up the rear of buildings that border Canal Street.**

**K. Provide access to the river for boaters and fishermen and municipal pier.**

**L. Policing downtown – Designate a piece of land for a railroad station**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. David made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Guy Beardsley so moved and filed.**

**The next meeting of the CAB will be held June 21, 2017. *Members of the public are always invited.***

***Please note:***

***Members who are unable to attend this meeting please call Jim Oram at 203.924.9134 (afternoons or evenings) or email him at [jamesf45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamesf45@sbcglobal.net).***

**Respectively submitted,  
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Recording Secretary**