

CITY OF SHELTON, CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes for the regular meeting, Wednesday, June 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 & Joseph DeFilippo

Members Absent: David Zamba, Joseph Bienkowski, Cheryl Dzuibina, Guy Beardsley, Rob Novak and Rebecca Twombly

**Guests: Paul Grimmer, President, SEDC
Susan Cordone, President Birmingham Condo Association**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Jim Oram who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to the lack of a quorum, this was an information only meeting.

Paul Grimmer gave updates on the following:

- **Chromium Process**
- **223 Canal St. Demolition**
- **Canal St. reconstruction**

Mr. Grimmer explained the problems and issues that have been encountered during demolition of the Chromium process building. The process of demolition it has been determined that there exists an additional 650 tons of hazardous waste beyond what was projected in the original bid. The SEDC expected to use the US EPA Grant of \$200,000 to pay for post remedial activities. However, due to the newly discovered amount of contamination, the organization wishes to apply these funds towards this expense.

The unique construction of the building, over a canal, made the additional materials undiscoverable during the original estimating process.

Everyone present agreed that rapid completion of demolition and filling of the site is in the best interest of our City and the immediate neighborhood. Allowing this program to “stall” for lack of funding would have a detrimental effect on on-going revitalization efforts that surround the Chromium site. Fortunately, \$200,000 of EPA funding is available. Use of this funding is absolutely necessary to bring this project to a timely conclusion.

Paul Grimmer stated that the demolition of 223 Canal Street has begun and it is anticipated that the project should be concluded by early July. Removal of contaminated building materials was completed in May. The Shelton Economic Development

Corporation has been keeping the neighbors at Avalon Apartments up to date with the schedule of activities.

The reconstruction of Canal Street has been shut down till the demolition of 223 Canal Street is complete. Paul stated that he expects the contractor to re-engage on the Canal Street reconstruction sometime in August and that the roadway should be completed early this Fall.

The next meeting of the CAB will be held July 27, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the SEDC Office, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT. *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.

**Respectively submitted,
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Recording Secretary**