

City of Shelton, Citizens Advisory Board

Minutes for the regular meeting, Wednesday, December 16, 2009 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 next meeting.

Members Present: James Oram, Chairperson, Judith Augusta, (7:45 p.m.) Guy Beardsley, Regis Dognin, Cheryl Dzuibina, Robert Novak, (7:45 p.m.) and Rebecca Twombly.

Members Absent: Joseph Bienkowski, Joseph Defilippo, and David Zamba.

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Special Guest: James Ryan, S.E.D.C. and Elspeth Lydon, Library Director and James Tate.

James Ryan said the S.E.D.C. Board feels it is important to develop road maps for the next 10 years. S.E.D.C. retained James Tate to develop the outlook for downtown in the year 2020. They would like him to work with other boards for goals and strategies. The S.E.D.C. would like the projects that are underway to get them going forward to have a good image for downtown development. S.E.D.C. created a laundry list for James Tate and then asked him to lay it all out.

James Ryan introduced James Tate and Mr. Tate made a presentation on what they have looked into so far as the design of downtown on a map of about 8 feet long. Some of the areas and projects Mr. Tate discussed were as follows:

- Riverview Park ball fields
- The War Memorial
- Parking to get retail business downtown
- Bus Shelter
- Tree plantings and shrubs. The whole idea of this is to put landmark destinations among green space
- Construction of Riverwalk with loops
- Private development should not take over public access.
- Amphitheatre
- Tribute Walk
- Bike way to link Shelton and Derby
- They want all areas to be noticed.

Ms. Lydon discussed a link between Howe Ave. and the Plumb Library. Rob Novak described an abandoned street that once provided a link. All present agreed that a pedestrian link to the Library should be included in the 2020 plan.

James Ryan said there would be an archeology study in the old buildings before they are taken down or renovated.

A discussion followed with questions and comments from the CAB members for Mr. Tate.

This map is not a final plan but it is a summary for discussion of what could be done in the next 10 years. CAB members should be informing Mr. Tate and James Ryan of how they feel about the plan.

James Oram thanked Mr. Tate for his presentation and information so the CAB can go forward.

James Oram then showed some pictures of what was done on riverwalks in Stratford, Connecticut, and Coors, Colorado which Cheryl Dzuibina had taken.

All other business was deferred to next month's meeting

Guy Beardsley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca Twombly seconded it. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:155 p.m. Motion was filed.

The next meeting of the CAB will be held January 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the SEDC Office, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT

****Please note:***

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Respectively Submitted by
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