

**DOWNTOWN RIVER-HIGH STREET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The Downtown River-High Street Development Commission held its Regular Meeting on Friday, August 11, 2017 at the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Conference Room B, Milford, CT. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Committee Members Present

Peter Smith, Chairman
Joseph M. Agro, Jr.
Ald. Bryan Anderson
Amanda Root

Also Present

Julie Nash, Community Development
Kathleen Kennedy, Law
David Sulkis, AICP, City Planner
Henry Jadach

Excused/Absent: Richard F. Jagoe, Jr., Ald. Ray Vitali

II. Approval of the Minutes
a. May 2, 2017
b. June 9, 2017

Mr. Agro and Ms. Root made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried with one abstention (Ald. Anderson).

Mr. Agro and Ms. Root made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried with one abstention (Ald. Anderson).

III. Chairman's Report/Introductory Comments

Chairman Smith commented about the presentation that took place at the last meeting. He stated there is a sense as to the direction and moving forward. He stated the consultants have presented two different drawings/concepts, one with parking included and one without parking. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the drawings and the outcome of workshop #2.

IV. Public Comment – None.

V. Standing Items

a. 2nd workshop discussion – August 2, 2017

Chairman Smith thanked everyone who was able to attend the workshop on August 2, 2017, which was held at City Hall. He stated he would like to move into a roundtable style discussion and have everyone comment as to what they took away from the workshop. Some of the comments included: parking, green space, possibility of creating a river walk, density of the design, addressing the diverse architectural designs throughout the downtown, having a building that is aesthetically pleasing, i.e. 2-story, 3-story or 4-story; potential for parking under the townhouses.

Chairman Smith thanked the Committee for their input. He stated the consensus of the Committee's priorities seemed to focus on parking and Railroad Avenue and financial.

Ald. Anderson commented there was the possibility of Federal money, as well as the potential for grant funding.

VI. Next Steps

Chairman Smith stated it was his understanding the consultants would be compiling all the data and bringing it to the Committee at the September meeting. He commented at the end of the day it comes down to financial viability.

The next meeting will take place on September 8, 2017.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Agro and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Acting Recording Secretary