

CITY OF DERBY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

May 12, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.

DERBY CITY HALL – ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS
MINUTES

Call to order:

Chairman Joseph Bomba called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Glenn Stevens, Greg Russo, Michael Kelleher, Ken Hughes and Chairman Joseph Bomba.

Additions, Deletions, Corrections and Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Kelleher, all in favor, motion passes.

Approval of Minutes - March 10 2009

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kelleher, second by Mr. Russo, all in favor, motion passes.

Public Portion:

Carl Yacobacci - 10 Lombardi Drive. Mr. Yacobacci wanted to know if there will be any discussion after Executive Session. He also wanted to talk about the Salce Company. He really wants to see downtown developed. He doesn't think ball fields is the right thing to do in the downtown area. The points brought up at the last meeting all these other towns have these complexes. He has done work on them. None of these facilities should be the centerpiece of the downtown area. It should be commercial things to bring in people every day. It is not Derby's obligation to fill the hotels in Shelton from out of state leagues. It is the Administration's obligation to make sure something gets built downtown so that businesses in downtown are filled, not the surrounding communities. Fountain Lake may be a better area for these fields. It would be better to wait another year or two for the economy to turn around and get better proposals.

Arlene Yacobacci - 10 Lombardi Drive. Mrs. Yacobacci said the Salce Company did not submit a formal building plan, were some of the other companies notified they also did not have to submit a formal bid? Also, is the board considering the conditions that Salce Company laid out? The City has to buy all the properties there, clean up any contamination issues, turn over clean property.

Motion to close public portion at 6:37 p.m. by Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Hughes, all in favor, motion passes.

Update regarding City and Town Referendum

Sheila O'Malley expressed disappointment that the City and Town Development Act did not get approved. Economic development incentives are powerful and important tools for revaluation. These things make Derby competitive. Hopefully we will come up with something for Derby. She has received calls from neighboring towns and cities and colleagues of hers who were disappointed because they too want to investigate and pursue that act.

Derby will carefully and methodically look at this project as a whole, not just as a sports complex, it needs residential, commercial and retail. She appreciates the public comments about not rushing things and Derby has a very thoughtful and intelligent board who will take their time along with Corporation Counsel and the Mayor to make sure it makes sense.

Executive Session

Contract Negotiations - Salce Companies

Motion by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Stevens to go into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. inviting the Mayor, Corporation Counsel and Sheila O'Malley, subject to adjournment, all in favor, motion passes.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary*