



CITY OF DERBY

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

June 11, 2013 6:30 P.M.

**DERBY CITY HALL – MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Bomba. All rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call: Gregory Russo, Joseph Bomba, Richard Bartholomew and Ken Hughes.

Absent: Bill Steeves is out of town.

Also present: Mayor Anthony Staffieri, Director of Community and Economic Development Sheila O'Malley, Corporation Counsel Joe Coppola and Aldermen Carmen DiCenso.

Approval of May 14 2013 minutes

Mr. Russo abstained. **A MOTION** by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Bomba to table to the next meeting.

Public Portion

No one from the public spoke. **A MOTION** to close public portion by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Russo, all in favor, **motion carries.**

Update on Downtown Redevelopment

Ms. O'Malley stated a developer from Rhode Island has an option on two privately owned parcels. That option has not yet expired. He is working with the owners to work on an extension of the option.

The City met with DOT and the developer, a board member was also present to go over acquisitions, rights of way and timetables for Route 34 two weeks ago. The City will meet with the developer again this coming week.

The City will be meeting with other developers due to increased interest from developers.

Initially, the City wanted to see the whole parcel developed, but the downtown piece is 22 acres with 17 developable.

Ms. O'Malley would like to see the whole parcel developed but because of the economic situation and the fact that there are private and public partners and a road widening, the City is getting developer interest in pieces.

Derby wants a destination point to generate foot traffic and car traffic to the area with a nice mix of restaurants and retail. We just have to find the right pieces and put it together.

There has been a lot more interest and ideas solicited and unsolicited from developers since Ms. O'Malley has been in Derby and is encouraged by what she is seeing.

There is interest in various parcels of the area. Ms. O'Malley's hope is that the board makes sure that no one developer builds something that will preclude the development of the rest of the parcel.

The Route 34 rights of way and acquisition process will begin in August of 2013.

The developers are interested in having access interest and have concerns with dollars and cents for the parcel.

Update on DOT Site

The funding is in place, the engineer is working on the subdivision. Hopefully this week or next week we will have something in place for the subdivision. Then this board will decide whether to go back out to bid with the subdivision in place. The area is for light industrial space.

Adjourn

A MOTION at 6:41 p.m. by Mr. Russo with a second by Mr. Bartholomew to adjourn, all in favor, **motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary*

******These minutes are subject to the approval by the Redevelopment Agency at their next regular meeting.**