



New Haven Redevelopment Agency
165 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510

Kelly Murphy, AICP
Executive Director

John DeStefano, Jr., Mayor
Jorge Lopes, Chairman

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Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 - 5:30 PM
New Haven City Hall

AGENCY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Jorge Lopes, Chairman
Daisy Abreu
Mario Zangari, Vice-Chairman
Alderswoman Maureen O'Sullivan-Best

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Tony Bialecki, Deputy Director of Economic Development
Michael Pinto, Economic Development Officer

Call to Order - Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lopes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2010 meeting. Motion seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Resolution approving sale of two parcels of land to Knights of Columbus

Tony Bialecki referred to a memo and proposed resolution detailing the sale of two parcels of City owned land to the Knights of Columbus. The Resolution titled: Resolution of the NHRA Approving the Sale of Two Parcels of Land Comprising a Portion of Reuse Block E of the Church Street Redevelopment Project to the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Bialecki explained that the City of New Haven had been in discussion with the Knights of Columbus over the last two years regarding the sale of the two parcels for future expansion of the Knights of Columbus world headquarters. The Knights of Columbus operate an insurance company and their fraternal organization from the adjacent office tower at 1 Columbus Plaza. The Knights of Columbus employ approximately 725 people, pay approximately \$1 Million Dollars in property taxes and also operate the Knights of Columbus Museum on State Street.

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The properties were originally part of the Church Street Redevelopment Plan and one parcel known as Columbus Plaza and one parcel known as Parking Lot B Columbus Plaza was originally transferred to the New Haven Parks Commission in July 1976 and dedicated as parkland. On April 30, 2010, the New Haven Parks Commission approved an Order transferring the Columbus Plaza to the City of New Haven and accepted comparable replacement land known as Temple Plaza to be designated parkland.

The second parcel of land known as "Parking Lot B" is a 40,492 sq. ft. parcel one of several parcels that the former Coliseum was built on. The parcel leased to Propark as a surface parking lot has a lease that will end on June 1, 2010.

The sale price for both parcels is \$3,375,000.

Question was asked if the Knights of Columbus had specific plans to develop the parcels. Mr. Bialecki responded that the Knights of Columbus indicated they are expanding and will need additional space in the future but did not have specific plans at this time.

Chairman Lopes made a motion to move approval of the resolution, seconded and approved unanimously.

Bialecki provided a brief update on several downtown development projects and at Science Park.

Adjournment:

Chairman Lopes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.