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New Haven Development Commission

Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

City Hall Meeting Room #3

165 Church Street

New Haven, Connecticut 06510

PRESENT:

Commissioners:

Frances (Bitsie) Clark
Shirley Ellis-West
Kevin Ewing
Laura Huizar
Jonathan Koppell
Kathleen Krolak (via teleconference)
Lawrence Morico
Ryan Munden
Pedro Soto
Peter Wilkinson

Staff:

Tony Bialecki, Deputy Director, Econ Dev.
Kelly Murphy, Economic Development Administrator
Lisa Moore-Fox, Executive Administrative Assistant
John Ward, Special Counsel

Public:

Mary O'Leary, New Haven Register
Paul Bass, New Haven Advocate

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 A.M.

Introduction

Introduction of Peter Wilkinson was made to the commission members.

Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2010 Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes for March 9, 2010. Motion was seconded, minutes were passed unanimously.

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Resolution

Tony Bialecki presented a resolution to the Development Commission for the approval of the proposed sale of portions of Block E (portion of former Coliseum site and Public Plaza) to the Knights of Columbus. The City of New Haven is the owner of two parcels of land now known as Columbus Plaza and Parking Lot B which parcels form a portion of Reuse Block E of the Church Street Redevelopment Project. It is proposed that the City sell the property to the Knights of Columbus for a price of Three Million Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,375,000). This price is in line with the cost per square footage that we have been seeing. The property has an approximate area of 66,661 square feet, made up of 26,169 square feet (Columbus Plaza) and 40,492 square feet (Parking Lot B).

On February 22, 2005, the Board of Aldermen approved an Order approving Amendment No. 2 to the Downtown Municipal Development Plan and authorizing such actions that may be necessary to implement the Gateway Development Project whereby the Development Commission is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the Downtown MDP. This action authorizes the Development Commission to dispose of certain properties in the Downtown MDP.

Commissioner Ellis-West asked what was going to be built on the property. Mr. Bialecki stated that office and parking will go on the site. He also noted that because the founding father of the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney, is being considered for sainthood; it really ties the Knights of Columbus to New Haven.

Ms. Murphy stated that the land was basically invaluable to everyone else except for the Knights of Columbus; the reason being, there were so many restrictions (i.e., height, setbacks, etc...) to all other outside entities; all except for the Knights of Columbus.

A motion to approve the resolution was made. Motion was seconded, the Resolution was approved.

Announcement

Chairman Koppell announced he will be leaving the commission. He is moving to Arizona. June 8, 2010 will be his last time attending a New Haven Development Commission meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 A.M.

Note

After the conclusion of the meeting, the commission members, along with City personnel and public members toured the sites of 360 State Street and the future home of Gateway Community College.

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