# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER

## May 7, 2018 LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

**Planning Board Members Present:** Andrew Truman, Chair

John Vigliotti, Vice Chair

Paul DePalo

**Absent:** Satya Mitra

**Staff Present:** Stephen R. Rolle, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Domenica Tatasciore, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order - 5:00 pm

#### **New Business**

### **Public Meeting**

1. Union Station Urban Revitalization Plan - determination that the amended plan is consistent with a comprehensive plan for the locality, pursuant to MGL c.121B section 48.

Heather Gould, Assistant Chief Development Officer for the city's Economic Development Office and staff to the WRA stated that the city is requesting that the Planning Board endorse an amendment to the Urban Revitalization Plan which calls for modifying the boundary of the Union Station Urban Revitalization Plan area to include a discontinued right-of-way- the former portion of Foster Street that runs below the railroad overpass. Ms. Gould stated that it is being recommended that the preferred use for the parcel be changed to from retail to commercial, which is consistent with other land in the area.

Ms. Gould stated that if the amendment is endorsed it will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development after the City Council takes action on it and then the state would have 60 days to approve it.

Upon a motion by Mr. DePalo and seconded by Mr. Vigliotti the Board voted 3-0 that the Worcester Redevelopment Authority voted on April 6, 2018 to approve a major plan amendment to Union Station Urban Revitalization Plan to modify the existing plan boundary map to incorporate certain land abutting the boundary area; and Whereas, the Worcester Planning Board has reviewed the amendment to the Union Station Revitalization Plan and believes that that the amendment is consistent with the city of Worcester's community development plans and supports the goals set forth in the City of Worcester Master Plan, as amended; and Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Worcester Planning Board hereby find that the amendment to the Union Station Urban Revitalization Plan is based on a local survey and confirms to a comprehensive plan for the city of Worcester as a whole in accordance with M.G.L. c. 121B, §48.

## **Other Business**

**2.** Signing of Decisions from prior meetings

## **Adjournment**

Upon a motion the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.