

Worcester Redevelopment Authority
Citizens Advisory Committee
June 4, 2015
8:00 AM
YWCA, One Salem Square
Worcester, Massachusetts

Present:

John Brissette, Chair, Jill Dagilis, Vice Chair, Linda Cavaioli, Paul Demoga, Allen Fletcher, Jack Donahue, Alex Dunn, Alec Lopez, Stacey Luster, Deborah O'Malley, Hong Tran,

Representative Mary Keefe

Staff:

Michael Traynor, Chief Development Officer
Heather Gould, Chief of Staff, EOED
Jackson Restrepo, Special Project Coordinator, EOED
Jane Bresnahan, Principal Staff Assistant, EOED

Mr. Brissette called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Brissette asked the Committee to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Donahue made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion.

2. Exterior Evaluation of Properties within the Proposed Urban Revitalization Area (BSC Group)

Chair Brissette reviewed the process to date and the purpose of today's meeting. Mr. Fasser then, through a presentation format, started a review of the physical conditions of the existing buildings within the proposed Urban Revitalization Area (URA). Mr. Fasser explained that an exterior survey of the parcels and buildings within the URA was completed from the street level, and highlighted the specific properties that BSC was recommending be studied in further detail as the URP process continues. Mr. Fasser also reviewed proposed public realm improvements pointing out proposed traffic improvements, streetscape improvements and pedestrian connections within the URA. The discussion following the presentation addressed the following:

- Parking – Downtown parking is an issue, particularly when it is dedicated for specific buildings and not available to the general public
- Condo-owned Buildings – redeveloping is a challenge due to multiple ownership entities
- Façade improvements, and the extent of any proposed improvements, as well as vacant storefronts and how to fill them.

The next meeting will be held August 27, 2015 at 8:00 AM in the Levi Lincoln Chamber, City Hall.

A motion was made by Mr. Donahue and seconded by Ms. Dagilis to end the meeting. The meeting ended at 9:15 AM.