

City of Worcester, Massachusetts

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WORCESTER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
12:00 P.M.
Union Station – CMRPC Conference Room
2 Washington Square
Worcester, MA 01608

Present:

Worcester Redevelopment Authority Board

John Donahue, Chair
Robert Thomas
Robert Diaz
Dick Eid

City of Worcester

Timothy McGourthy, WRA Chief Executive Officer
Michael Traynor, Deputy City Solicitor
Dori Vecchio, Financial Manager, WRA
Rick Trifero, WRA Facilities Manager
Jane Bresnahan, Executive Office of Economic Development

Other

David Forsberg, Worcester Business Development Corporation
Craig Blais, Worcester Business Development Corporation
Roberta Brien, Worcester Business Development Corporation
Julie Holstrom, Worcester Business Development Corporation

Pursuant to a notice given (attached), a meeting of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority was held at 12:00 P.M. on October 11, 2011.

1. Call to Order

Chief Executive Officer Timothy McGourthy called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Mr. McGourthy called the roll.

3. Minutes of the September 13, 2011 Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Diaz, the minutes were accepted on a 4-0 voice vote. Mr. Eid asked if an update could be provided at the next meeting regarding the correspondence sent to Byblos Lounge and Maxwell Silverman's Banquet & Conference Center.

5. c. *WBDC Partnership*

Mr. McGourthy asked if Item 5c be could taken out of order to have representatives from the Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC) give an update on the City-WBDC Partnership.

David Forsberg, President, WBDC, reviewed with the Board WBDC's obligations related to the partnership with the City and the Worcester Redevelopment Authority which includes 1) the preparation of a comprehensive Master Plan for the redevelopment of properties within the Theatre District Area (TDA), said Master Plan to be coordinated with the development at CitySquare and Worcester's strategic goals for the Downtown; and 2) funding for an urban revitalization study to be undertaken for the use of the WRA to include certain areas within the TDA identified as requiring additional public involvement to support economic development.

The Board discussed the approval process and timelines, which will include public update and discussion of the Master Plan. Mr. Traynor and Mr. McGourthy explained to the Board that at a certain time the current Memorandum of Understanding will be amended to include the Worcester Redevelopment Authority as an equal partner, once the scope of the potential urban revitalization boundaries are better defined. Mr. Forsberg agreed to update the Board on any specific WBDC activities that might influence the approach under the Master Plan.

The Board thanked Mr. Forsberg and members of the WBDC for the discussion.

4. Discussion/Votes

Votes

a. Vote - Lusignan Amendment

Mr. Diaz offered the following motion:

Voted that the Worcester Redevelopment Authority hereby authorizes its chair or vice-chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Lusignan Security Agency, Inc. to extend its security patrols to include the Union Station Parking Garage.

Mr. Thomas seconded the motion, and it was voted 4-0 on a voice vote.

5. Other Business

a. Monthly Expenditure Report

Ms. Vecchio reviewed with the Board the check detail and monthly comparison summaries noting a payment to Renaud in the amount of \$9,730.00 for annual maintenance.

b. WRTA Monthly Update

Mr. McGourthy advised the Board that the Worcester Regional Transit Authority has received Planning Board approval and showed the latest renderings of the project. The WRTA is working with Peter Pan Bus Lines regarding parking spaces and using the Union Station Garage. Mr. McGourthy stated that he will have a more detailed report for the next meeting.

d. Free Library Pilot Program

Mr. McGourthy advised the Board that a request was made to have a free “library” placed within the terminal for passenger use. After discussion, Mr. Diaz motioned and Mr. Eid seconded a 4-0 voice vote to host a three- month trial for the free book exchange.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. McGourthy
Chief Executive Officer