

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.
JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS
MINUTES

Barbara L. DeGennaro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Barbara L. DeGennaro, Anthony Staffieri, Carmen DiCenso

Absent: Ronald Sill

Also Present: Alderman Arthur Gerckens (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)
Marjorie Shansky, Esq. (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. DiCenso would like to add the Derby-Shelton Civil War Monument Restoration – Discussion/Possible Action to the agenda this evening. He noted that James Cohen is here to discuss this item.

A MOTION was by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to add the Derby-Shelton Civil War Monument Restoration sign placement – discussion/possible action – to the agenda as Item #6a. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. DeGennaro asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the committee. Hearing no requests...

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. DiCenso to close the public portion. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIAL MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2016

A MOTION was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. DiCenso to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2016 special meeting as presented. Ms. DeGennaro recused herself. **Motion carried.**

DERBY-SHELTON CIVIL WAR MONUMENT – SIGN PLACEMENT – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

James Cohen passed out an email that he sent to Jennifer Desroches, Mayor Dugatto's secretary, regarding a request to place a temporary sign on the Derby Green adjacent to the Monument advising the public that the restoration is being undertaken, donations in the amount of \$39,000 have already been received and that further donations would be helpful and most welcome noting that it is 100% tax deductible and that it would be used **exclusively** for the restoration.

Mr. Cohen said the monument has been neglected for 139+ years and the total cost of repairs is \$72,000. There is going to be a Kickoff event on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. He is requesting to post the sign near the monument for the fund drive and has spoken with Public Works Director Anthony DeFala about the project. Atty. Welch asked the approximate size of the sign. Mr. Cohen said it would be 4' x 6'. Mr. DiCenso asked if it would be removed once the funds have been raised. Mr. Cohen said it would. Ms. DeGennaro said this committee can't approve it outright – we can only make the recommendation to the full Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Welch said when we had the initial discussions there was talk about fencing and asked if a fence would be erected. He brought this up due to kids sitting on the cannons causing them to sink into the ground over the years. Mr. Cohen said they don't envision fencing going up. He said the last item on their agenda would be the cannons.

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Staffieri to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen the request to place a temporary sign on the Derby Green for the Derby-Shelton Civil War Memorial Restoration Fund. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Cohen noted that his phone numbers are on the email and said if there are any questions, etc... to reach out to him.

TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DERBY AND JALOWIEC REALTY ASSOCIATES, LP, CRISTA BUILDING CONTRACTORS, INC. AND JOSEPH JALOWIEC (REGARDING 97 SODOM LANE, DERBY, CT “ONOPIAK PROPERTY” - DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Atty. Welch said at the last meeting a number of people appeared regarding the Onopiak property. At that meeting Joseph Jalowiec informed the committee that there was a License and Hold Harmless Agreement between the City of Derby and Jalowiec Realty Associates, LP, Crista Building Contractors, Inc., and Joseph Jalowiec and he asked that it be terminated. Atty. Welch said he has prepared a Termination Agreement and asks that it be forwarded to the full Board of Aldermen for action.

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen the Termination Agreement as drafted between the City of Derby, Jalowiec Realty Associates, LP, Crista Building Contractors, Inc., and Joseph Jalowiec. **Motion carried.**

NAMING OF THE GREENWAY TRAIL – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. DiCenso said this was brought to me by a group of Derby people. With the retirement of Jack Walsh they would like to see the Greenway or a portion of the Greenway named after him. Ms. DeGennaro said she recalls a few years back there was a policy about naming things after individuals. She believes there were criteria listed as to how this would be handled. There was a brief discussion to see if anyone could recall when this policy was discussed or if it was ever formally adopted. Ms. DeGennaro questioned how we would be able to name a portion of the Greenway. Mr. DiCenso said it could be one of the entrances. Mr. Staffieri said he believes that this is something that should be investigated. Ms. DeGennaro suggested having the people who are making this request put something in writing. The committee decided to look into locating the policy and investigating this further before making a request to the full Board of Aldermen.

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to **TABLE** this item until next month's meeting. **Motion carried.**

SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST – 326 HAWTHORNE AVENUE - \$1,750.00 – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Ms. DeGennaro said this is a reimbursement request from Thomas McEvoy for a sidewalk installed at 326 Hawthorne Avenue, which has been signed off by Anthony DeFala. Mr. Staffieri said he has no problem recommending this for approval as long as it has been inspected. It was noted that Mr. DeFala signed the reimbursement request attesting to the fact that all the figures and dimensions are accurate. The total job cost is \$7,500. The reimbursement would be \$1,750 which is \$5.00 ft².

A MOTION was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. DiCenso to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen the sidewalk reimbursement request in the amount of \$1,750.00 from Thomas McEvoy. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn

Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.