



Community Development Subcommittee

Economic and Community Development Commission

Special Meeting

July 28, 2014

The Community Development Subcommittee of the Economic and Community Development Commission conducted a special meeting on Monday, July 28, 2014 in Room 104 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to a notice duly posted.

Members Present: Jason Santi, Fourth District Councilman, Subcommittee Chair and Brian Dempsey, Fifth District Councilman

Members Absent: Stephanie Philips, Third District Councilman

Also Present: C. Duncan Yetman, Jr., Community Development Administrator, and Eugene E. Madara, Esq.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Santi at 6:33 PM.

II. Connecticut Air and Space Museum

Mr. Santi opened the meeting by asking for a motion to restore \$59,000 in funding to the Connecticut Air and Space Center (CASC) for restoration of the Curtiss Hangar for use as a museum. \$59,000 of the current \$60,000 allocation to this project (CD Project #3912) had been reallocated to other projects at the previous, regular CD Subcommittee meeting on July 22.

Mr. Dempsey made a motion to restore the full funding of \$60,000 to the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Santi and approved unanimously.

Mr. Yetman then introduced Atty. Madara, representing CASC, who provided a project status update to the Subcommittee members.

Atty. Madara described the process of lease negotiation with the City of Bridgeport. They expect the final lease will be approved by the Bridgeport City Council at its August 4 meeting and that the lease will be signed by all parties by the end of that week. Greater Bridgeport Regional Council staff confirmed that they will work with the State DECD to repurpose CASC's \$250,000 grant for CASC to work on the Curtiss Hangar once a signed lease is in hand. Atty. Madara shared a schematic of the renovated hangar and said that he has more detailed design development drawings and specifications to share with the Town. CASC will send them to Mr. Yetman's office.

Atty. Madara thanked the Subcommittee for their generosity and their patience through what has been a somewhat long and arduous process.

III. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Santi entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dempsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santi and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. Duncan Yetman, Jr." in a cursive style.

C. Duncan Yetman, Jr.
Community Development Administrator