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Danbury Main Street Partnership

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2012 – 4pm

City Council Chambers

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 1, 2012

Members Present: Mayor Mark Boughton, Mike Kallas, Steve Bull, Andrea Gartner, Marie O'Neill, Shawn Palmer, Paul Reis, Warren Levy, James Maloney

Members Absent: Edward Ackell, Ingrid Alvarez-Dimarzo

Staff/Guests Present: Bruce Tuomala - Economic Development Director, Roger Palanzo – Mayor's Office, John Deering.

Meeting was called to order by the Mike Kallas at 4:09pm.

Approval of minutes from September 6, 2012 meeting - Motioned by Warren Levy; Seconded by Steve Bull

Public Comments:

- John Deering suggested that the Partnership consider moving the public comments to the end of the meeting to allow the public opportunity to ask questions pertaining to meeting content. Mayor suggested that public speaking remain in its current agenda position, however would allow public questions on content during the meeting.

Old Business:

- Mayor Boughton confirmed that downtown incentives and entertainment license proposals will be presented at a public hearing in October.
- Sidewalk improvements on Council agenda for October. A new downtown-specific UNIT officer will start next week and has been assigned to work with merchants and residents to ensure adherence to all City ordinances.

New Business:

- 1) Andrea Gartner presented highlights of City Center and a summary of downtown strengths called "Big Stones". Highlights include:
 - Manages all downtown events and activities
 - Safe City Ranking – National Rank
 - Walkability
 - Stock of attractive buildings
 - Special Services District
 - Public Transportation
 - 24,000 cars a day on Main Street

- 2) Jim Maloney updated on 120 Main Street:
 - Bids are out to hire architect for both projects – housing and clinic.
 - Bid to real estate consultants.
 - Revision to plan to increase housing units from 48 to approx. 80.

- 3) Mayor Boughton update:
 - New Head Start building should be completed first quarter of 2013 weather permitting. Will be ready for occupancy for September 2013 school start.
 - Bank Street, Foster Street and Boughton Street will receive streetscape improvements.
 - Should be able to announce new tenant for old Waldbaums building on South Main in a couple of weeks.
 - Ives House restoration to commence with labor proudly provided by Henry Abbott Technical School.
 - Vet House II permanent housing is now open.
 - City moving to address vagrant occupation of library courtyard.

Motion to Adjourn – Jim Maloney, Seconded – Shawn Palmer. Unanimous Acceptance.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10pm