



**City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810**

Danbury Main Street Partnership

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 2014 – 4pm

Conference Room 3C

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Sept 4, 2014

Members Present: Mike Kallas, Jim Maloney, Andrea Gartner, Marie O'Neill, Warren Levy, Jack Deering, Paul Reis, George Psarofagis

Members Absent: Stephen Bull

Staff/Guests Present: Dennis Elpern – Planning and Zoning Director, Bruce Tuomala - Economic Development Director, Roger Palanzo - Mayor's Office, Mike Kaltschnee – Danbury Innovation Center

The meeting was called to order by Mike Kallas at 4:05pm.

Approval of minutes from May 1, 2014 meeting. Motioned to accept by Marie O'Neill; Seconded by Warren Levy. Minutes unanimously approved.

Public Comments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Innovation Center Report

Mike Kaltschnee provided a brief update on the Danbury Innovation Center progress and projections for operation.

Highlights:

- Hackerspace complete and all rooms and fixtures ready for use.
- Innovation Center received a \$250,000 grant (over two years) from funder CT Innovations for startup costs and employment.
- Hiring 2 employees from WCSU to start in August.

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- Innovation Center goal is to build the community through shared experience, brainstorming, technology and entrepreneurship.
- Ribbon Cutting Thursday, June 29th, 10am.

Mayor's Update

- Greystar investment – Closing tentative for August 2014.
- Mad Hackers event scheduled June 7th.
- Skateboard Park nearing completion.
- Cultural Alliance Merchant Mixer tonight.
- Kennedy Park about 3/4 complete.
- Paul Reis leaving partnership for Fordham University. Good Luck Paul and Thank You!
- Paul Steinmetz to fill vacancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm. Motion by Mike Kallas. Second by Andrea Gartner. Unanimous approval.