

Redevelopment Agency of Woonsocket

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2013

Attending Members: Albert Beuparlant, Chairman Doug Brown, Paul Gould, Esq., Steven Thibault

Also Attending: Matthew Wojcik-Economic Development Director, \ Pierre Rondeau, Esquire and Linda Plays, Recording Secretary

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Brown at 8:05 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: MOTION was made to approve the minutes of June 4, 2013 as presented by Thibault and seconded by Gould. All in favor

Legal Counsel: Pierre Rondeau is currently serving as legal counsel. Discussion included having Attorney Rondeau review the draft legislation for the Comprehensive Plan with billable hours. Wojcik said that for every area that is identified there needs to be the submittal of Findings of Fact. MOTION made to approve Thibault to pay Attorney Pierre Rondeau and seconded by Gould. All in favor

Attorney Rondeau also spoke about an upcoming Open Meetings Conference at Roger Williams University in early August and suggested it may be beneficial for member's to consider attending.

Middle School Tour: Members will break down into a sub-committee and tour the former

Middle School. Wojcik said he does not have further information regarding actions by the

Budget Commission as their priorities regarding employee contracts and negotiations has taken

precedence. Rondeau said it doesn't need to be advertised as a meeting as long as no decisions/votes are taking place.

Summer Infant: Wojcik said that he does not have any new updates regarding discussion with representatives from Summer Infant.

School Properties: Wojcik recently took members from the Hebrew/Jewish Orthodox community looking for vacant school buildings/homes in an area for approximately 30-40 families for a development. He brought them around the city and included Fairmount and also in the North End where the former Our Lady of Victories School is for sale by the diocese. Chairman Brown also pointed out this is close to the synagogue as well. Gould cautioned

that agency doesn't make the finding of fact to mold to a certain buyer and keep an open mind about why an area is designated blighted. Wojcik said the conversation definitely should be on which areas the agency wants to designate as blight and we should actively pursue selling some of these properties.

Other Business: No business

New Business: Wojcik said that at a future meeting he would like to have a more in depth general discussion regarding the former Wal-Mart property and deed restrictions on the property. He also said it may require the board going into executive session. Rondeau said it would have to be posted as such and couldn't be added at a meeting. It would have to be advertised prior under the Open Meetings Laws.

Wojcik met with the current owner of 24 East Mill Street and if the agency would consider making that a designated area. PM Recycling is a current business there. The area is designated as an R4.

Adjournment: The Chair discussed the meeting schedule for the next meeting. With the upcoming Fourth of July holiday and vacations the group agreed to meet on July 16. Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Linda S. Plays

Recording Secretary