

**Torrington Development Corporation
Board of Directors
Meeting, July 8, 2014**

Name	Present	Absent	Reason	Name	Present	Absent	Reason
Aurora Daly, President	X			Peter Herbst	X		
Cindy Donaldson, Vice President				Jeff Lalonde		X	
Carol Anderson, Secretary	X			Jerry Libby	X		
Darrin Newbury, Treasurer	X			Mark McEachern	X		
Jack Baer	X			Victor Muschell	X		
Elinor Carbone		X		Gregory Perosino		X	
Tyson Chamberlin		X		JoAnn Ryan	X		
Fiona de Merell		X		Anne Ruwet		X	
Christina Emery		X		Marie Soliani	X		

Others in Attendance: Director of Economic Development Erin Wilson.

Meeting called to order by President Daly at 8:00 a.m.

Consent Agenda, Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by _____ seconded by _____, the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting were approved with one correction: Mr. Baer is not an Atty.

Economic Development Director Update

Director Wilson said the Franklin Street project is progressing towards its August 2nd deadline. She said whatever is not done will equate to an increase in available City funding.

Ms. Wilson reported that she is applying for a 1.8 million dollar grant for the six-acre NIDEC site cleanup, a project she has entitled "Riverfront Recapture". She noted that the city needs to be ahead of the game with a mixed-use development plan. Ms. Wilson suggested an advisory planning committee be formed.

Ms. Wilson updated the board on Main Street Marketplace and the city's Sidewalk Master Plan Draft. She suggested the TDC be involved in the proposed Sidewalk Committee and noted that the plan is consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development and the Complete Streets plan. Mrs. Ryan said that sidewalk revitalization will help towards building a healthier community and recommended that the National Science Foundation be considered for grant requests.

Bus Garage/Depot

Atty. Herbst reported on the MDP meeting held on June 9th to determine if the proposed NWCT Transit District project would be consistent with the MDP. He said that Jack Baer, Mark McEachern, Martin Connor, Erin Wilson and President Daly attended as MDP Project Committee members with the Mayor, Carol Deane, Ed Cook and Mike Boe in attendance. He said their vote was 4 to 2 in agreement that the project would be consistent with the MDP, with Mrs. Daly and Mr. McEachern opposed.

Atty. Muschell expressed his support of the decision, asking what the alternative would be, and noting that letting an historic building sit for ten years in order to preserve it doesn't make sense. Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Soliani and Mr. Cook also expressed their support.

President Daly reminded the board of their mission of economic development, and said that a facility surrounded by a chain link fence and closed after 5:00 pm will not enhance downtown.

On a motion by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Soliani, the board considered supporting the recommendation of the MDP Project Committee that the proposal is consistent with the MDP.

Mr. McEachern noted that the State Historic Preservation office has advised the DOT against tearing down this historic building.

Atty. Herbst recommended that the full board be in attendance for this decision.

Ms. Wilson noted that the TDC is an advisory board, and that the Council of Governments supports this. She said the board needs to think holistically but this conversation is too premature as she has not talked to the State about their plans yet and we don't know what's happening.

On a motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. McEachern, the board voted unanimously to table.

Adjournment.

On a motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board adjourned at 9:16 a.m.