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City of Middletown, CT

Economic Development Committee

Parking Study Transit Sub Committee

Draft Minutes from the March 7, 2008 meeting

Members Present: I. Greenberg, D. Bauer, J. Alexander, T. Cheeseman, M. Kalita-Leary

Also Present: J. Elmore, J. Saines, B. Emory, C. Johnson, R. Kearney, C. Duncan, Adrian

A Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

B Public Session: none

C Minutes: none

D Communications: none

Old Business: Discussion of handout “Options for Transit Spending”. Alexander discussed the need for way finding signs in addition to city signs. Elmore noted the signs need to be distinctive and iconic and referred back to previous plans for signs. Alexander stated the need for a canopy from the Middlesex Corporate garage to Main Street and a pedestrian walkway from Holy Trinity Church driveway.

Discussion of bike paths. Saines noted the decline in students biking to school and the potential to increase ridership to school. Discussion of nomenclature of bike paths, trails and lanes Johnson discussed the population density map. Discussion of which paths have top priority: Downtown Cromwell to North Main Street, North End to Newfield/High School. Discussion of bike amenities and placement.

Cheeseman stated one wire would be needed for electric streetcar. The wire could be placed along the trees with 1 or 2 bump outs for access. Streetcar costs \$600,000 including electricity and operating costs. Additional funds could be made from name rights, sales tax, grants and a champion (sponsor) and fares. The line would not be profitable. Discussion of Kenosha and Tampa transit.

Bauer noted the city is facing significant bonding projects including the Community Center and upgrading of city parks and questioned how high of a priority transit has relative to other projects. The mission is to create a report and not lose the federal earmark funds.

E New Business

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F Other

G Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.