

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT
Department of Planning, Conservation, & Development

C O M M U N I T Y D E V E L O P M E N T

Middletown Redevelopment Agency

Meeting Minutes -- 8 April 2002

The meeting commenced at 5:08 PM.

Members present included H. Novicki, acting Chairman, J. Blancato (by telephone), J. Makrogianis, J. Robinson, J. Tine, L. Russo, J. Alexander, and G. Daley, Deputy Mayor. Also present was M. Johnson.

The agency discussed the Miller and Bridge redevelopment plan. M. Johnson informed the agency that the Section 108 loan application had been signed by the Mayor and sent to HUD. Also, properties adjacent to Long Lane on Wadsworth Street would be acquired by the city from the state for relocation purposes. Also, the owner occupants of 15 Miller Street are ready to relocate but currently stuck in a later phase of the redevelopment plan. Conversely, the owner of 50 Miller Street has so far not been cooperative with respect to negotiating a fair price for his Phase I property. Upon a motion by J. Robinson, seconded by L. Russo, the agency voted unanimously to approve revising the plan to incorporate 15 Miller Street into Phase I, placing 50 Miller Street in Phase III.

Next, discussion moved to the Ferry and Green Streets redevelopment proposal, the revised and amended North End / CBD Urban Renewal Plan. The plan has been awaiting approval by the Middletown Housing Authority (MHA) for 11 months. However, the MHA has decided to hold a public hearing for the plan on April 18th, and has requested a representative from the Agency to be present. G. Daley said he would go, and others were also welcome to go. In the meantime, the North End Housing Initiative has filed a tax credit application with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for which they require a letter of support from the Mayor. The Mayor asked that the Redevelopment Agency approve first. L. Russo asked who was submitting the application and G. Daley asked who would own the property. M. Johnson responded The Connection and Nehemiah Housing Corporation. The agency deferred the decision until after the MHA approved the plan. J. Alexander voiced her ongoing reservation about the plan.

Finally, G. Daley directed M. Johnson to contact Marie Norwood, Common Council clerk, and do a resolution from the Agency, honoring Steve Leinwand, former chair of the Agency, for his many years of service to Common Council, Planning & Zoning, and the Redevelopment Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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