

REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
HELD ON APRIL 22, 1969.

PRESENT: Messrs: Achenbach
Gamer
Camp
Novicki
Thayer
Stone

ALSO

PRESENT: Messrs: Haze
Kaplan
Guy
R. Newman and W. Cutting, Cahn Engineers

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Achenbach at 5:30 P.M.

The first item on the Agenda was a presentation by R. Newman of Cahn Engineers, of a slide oriented explanation of the complete scope of services available through Cahn Engineers pertinent to the Urban Renewal Process.

A copy of a possible engineering agreement between the Agency and Cahn Engineers was distributed to each Agency member for study and comment at a future meeting.

An initial statement by Mr. Achenbach was that the agreement be studied and possibly rewritten to provide the Agency with necessary safeguards.

The next item taken up on the Agenda was a letter from Mayor Kenneth J. Dooley to the Agency requesting that the Agency offer the services of Irwin Kaplan to direct the City's CDAP Program in addition to his present responsibilities.

This letter was read to the Agency in its entirety. (See attached copy.)

After due discussion, it was moved by Mr. Camp and seconded by Mr. Novicki that the Agency offer Mr. Kaplan's services as requested.

This motion was passed by the six members present.

The third item on the Agenda pertained to a letter from Mr. Samuel T. Fabian to Mr. Achenbach in reference to the stimulation and organization of a merchant group that would participate in a corporation for the purpose of establishing a physical complex within our renewal area, for their future needs.

Following due discussion of the letter, as read, a copy of which is attached, it was suggested that the Agency's policy be to encourage local development and investment interest especially from businesses to be displaced by the project activity.

For discussion purposes with prospective developers, Mr. Kaplan suggested that he would prepare plans and schematics of the project area and potential disposition areas.

Mr. Achenbach then took up the point of the weekly meetings that had been necessary as of late and stated that we would return to the first Tuesday of the month as normally scheduled and would call special meetings for the third Tuesday of the month as it may be found necessary.

The next item discussed on the Agenda was that of the Field property acquisition. Mr. Haze stated that a second appraisal was received on the cleared land in the amount of \$20,000.

The previously discussed possibility of the Hospital using the parcel for temporary housing was found to be infeasible by the Hospital due to distance and size.

Mr. Haze suggested that we make every attempt to negotiate for the parcel for a possible use as a temporary business relocation site and to keep the parcel from being used for a purpose incompatible to the Urban Renewal Plan.

Mr. Haze requested the Agency to approve a request to the Common Council for the right to condemn this parcel if negotiations fail.

This request was moved by Mr. Novicki, seconded by Mr. Camp and approved by the six members present.

Mr. Haze then reported upon the status of the Elderly Site negotiations and stated that he had made personal phone contacts rather than the writing of letters and he had a few meetings left to make with the property owners.

Mr. Kaplan then reported contact with the people in the North End and stated that these people have a desire to work with the Agency in the Renewal Planning for the North End. Mr. Kaplan will meet with the representative group on Wednesday, April 30, 1969, to discuss a planning program.

This group has been meeting for their own planning, and it is felt that we should work with them if they are willing to develop plans and programs. This effort, if it works well, would make neighborhood coordination much easier.

Mr. Haze then reported that the Housing Authority has approved the Urban Renewal Plan for the total project as required by State Statute.

There being no further business, the Chairman, upon motion duly made by Mr. Camp and seconded by Mr. Novicki declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Camp, Secretary