

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HELD  
ON AUGUST 19, 1969

PRESENT: Messrs. Achenbach, Chairman  
Gamer, Vice Chairman  
Camp, Secretary  
Thayer  
Novicki

ABSENT: Messrs. Haze  
Stone

ALSO

PRESENT: Messrs. Kaplan  
Guy  
G. Schaefer, Confrontation  
R. Cashman, "  
K. Ganaris, "  
Higgins, City Plan

The meeting of the Middletown Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Achenbach at 5:30 P.M.

The first item on the Agenda was the presentation by Mr. Guy of the Resolution of the Middletown Redevelopment Agency Approving an Urban Renewal Plan and Conditions Under Which Relocation Payments Will be Made for Project No. 2, U.R. Conn. R-105 for Agency approval.

After due discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Camp, seconded by Mr. Gamer and passed by all present to approve the Resolution as submitted with the understanding that all relocation claims be approved by Agency action prior to signature by the Executive Director.

A certified copy of said Resolution is hereby made a part of these Minutes and attached. A copy of the Urban Renewal Plan is available at the office of the Redevelopment Agency.

The second item on the Agenda was a "post mortem" session concerning the Public Hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan.

Mr. Kaplan suggested that even though the land uses were not fully tied down, the Agency should have the relocation staging detailed as fully as possible.

It was stated that the ease of relocation would be greatly enhanced by full involvement of Project Area Committees.

It was also felt that there might be greater communication in the future between the Agency and the residents of the Project area via newsletters, direct mailing or a form of communication which would, in the best way, get to the greatest amount of residents in the quickest manner.

Mr. Achenbach then called for a meeting of the Housing Authority, the Agency, Wesleyan, and Mr. Lash of Hill Development, not later than September 9, 1969 to discuss and lay out definite plans for the Goodyear Site. He felt that Federal approval on the site would be forthcoming shortly and concrete plans for development of the site should be available.

Mr. Kaplan then stated that Representative St. Onge, being interested in Middletown's progress in Renewal, be informed of our progress.

The third item on the Agenda, as presented by Mr. Kaplan, was information concerning the necessity of holding a Public Hearing for approval of the Wesleyan University Development Plan. This hearing plus Planning Commission and Common Council approval of the Plan are necessary prior to Federal approval of the Wesleyan 112 credits.

During discussion, the question arose as to who shall hold the hearing. It must be conducted by a public body. It was suggested that HUD be contacted for a preference, if any, and the possibility of both the Agency and Planning Commission holding the hearing jointly.

The fourth item on the Agenda as requested by the representatives of the Confrontation Series, was show of concern over the lack of Black representation on the Redevelopment Agency. It was felt that the Renewal effort affects a population that is 90% Black.

The group was informed that the Agency is not formed by its own efforts but is an appointed Commission by the Mayor's office and any requests concerning appointments must be made to the Mayor's office.

Mr. Achenbach suggested that closer communication with the community could be made by Black representation at the Agency's regular meetings, and that the Agency would welcome representatives of the Black community at these meetings.

The final item on the Agenda was a demolition report by Mr. Guy stating that the first phase of demolition as previously outlined was almost complete through the rough grading of the area. The fencing installation is to be started this week and the Project signs on Main and Broad Streets had been installed.

There being no further business to come before the Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Camp, seconded by Mr. Gamer and passed by all present to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was duly adjourned by Chairman Achenbach at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert W. Camp, Secretary