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Minutes 3/2/2011 Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee

Committee members present: Councilors Berezniak, Mulvaney-Stanak, Adrian

Staff present: Doreen Kraft, Jenny Davis, Larry Kupferman

There were 20 members of the public present.

Chair Berezniak convened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

1) Agenda:

EMS moved that items 6 and 7 be moved to items 2.5 and 2.6; EA seconds and the agenda is approved as amended.

2) Minutes of the 2/9/11 committee meeting

EA moves to approve as drafted; EMS seconds and so moved.

2.5) Report from Doreen Kraft, ED of Burlington City Arts, on the tax free arts district discussion.

Doreen stated that while a tax free district could be considered as part of the arts district discussion, that detail is not on anyone's agenda at this time and would require state approval. She made a full report to the Council in December as to the possibilities of designating arts districts in the City without any funding. The focus of the effort is marketing and professional development. She also mentioned that a wayfinding system has been developed and is waiting for installation while banners on utility poles needs to be further examined because of insurance issues due to vibration.

DB: is the tax free district being discussed as part of the south end arts district designation?

Doreen: no one is studying that right now and suggests if we were to do so that studying the effects of tax free districts in 7 Rhode Island towns would be a first step.

2.6) Summary of the discussions held so far about Memorial Auditorium and the "Super Block."

DB really wanted this topic for another meeting; EMS moved that it be discussed at the next CD&NR committee meeting in April. EA seconds and so moved.

3) Public Forum:

20 or so members of the public spoke in support of community standards and against doing business or entering into agreements with Lockheed Martin.

4) NPA Updates:

Jenny Davis updated the committee on a number of NPA items:

- NPA Steering committee members were trained in meeting facilitation;
- The next all wards steering committee meeting is 3/24/11;
- The steering committee is considering the subject of the HUD sustainable communities challenge grant as a topic for next year's neighborhood improvement night and is working with Sandrine Thibault, the project grant manager, on that idea;
- The NPA's are looking at NPA autonomy as well as the differences among each ward as to the NPA organization;
- Chief Schirling has engaged the steering committee to discuss how to best use Police Department resources in communicating with residents;
- The NPA steering committee is drafting its response to the Planning Commission on the topic of major impact development projects coming to an NPA meeting as a course of practice in the zoning permit process.

5) Begin committee work on the Lockheed Martin resolution

EMS began the discussion with a synopsis of the intent of the resolution and asked that research be done on the following:

- What authority does the committee and/or Council have in regulating agreements for sponsorships;
- Define what a sponsorship is and who gets to accept or decline a sponsorship;
- The committee should receive some guidance on socially conscious investing;
- What other communities have standards in this regard and what might they be.

EA asked about his memory of an offer by Dunkin Donuts to sponsor a July 4th celebration that was declined by the Parks Commission; what were those circumstances?

DB suggests that the focus be on sponsorships for Climate Action and asks if Jennifer Green as well as Climate Action groups could be a resource in this effort.

EMS agrees to the focus.

EA: the committee could craft a narrow focus and standard and asks if it will create a policy to exclude Lockheed Martin? And will council support that policy?

EMS: asks for clarity about the authority to make partnerships and for the City to accept gifts; whether an ordinance needs to be created or is it a charter issue and who makes these decisions now.

EA moves to adjourn at 8:20 and so moved.

Next meeting is April 6, 2011.