

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Jack Banta, Co-Chair; Lydia Martinez, Co-Chair; Michelle Lyons; Jose Casco; Eneida Martinez; Milta Feliciano; Reverend Mary McBride Lee

OTHER: Bob Halstead, Councilman; Max Perez, OPED; Tammy Papa, Youth Services; Renu Gupta, Central Grants Office

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Banta called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2015

****COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2015.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER E. MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

33-14 PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION BY SALE TO ABUTTER, OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

Mr. Perez from the Office of OPED introduced himself and made the following correction to the resolution:

1. 138 Ranch Street should read 138 Ranch Drive throughout the document.

Council Member Lyons proposed an amendment to the resolution, in the interest of address community concerns surrounding collegiate rentals as they impact the quality of the neighborhood.

****COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION 33-14 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO THE PROPERTY 104 JOURMIRE ROAD AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THE PROPERTY AT AUCTION IS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AS OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING FOR AN INTENDED TERM OF NO LESS THAN 30 YEARS.**
2. **IN THE EVENT THE PROPERTY IS SOLD, IT MUST ADHERE TO THE ABOVE RESTRICTION AND BE UTILIZED AS OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING.**
3. **SHOULD THE ABOVE TERMS BE VIOLATED, THE PROPERTY DEED WILL REVERT TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT WITH NO COMPENSATION.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION 33-14 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO THE PROPERTY 138 RANCH DRIVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THE PROPERTY AT AUCTION IS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AS OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING FOR AN INTENDED TERM OF NO LESS THAN 30 YEARS.**
2. **IN THE EVENT THE PROPERTY IS SOLD, IT MUST ADHERE TO THE ABOVE RESTRICTION AND BE UTILIZED AS OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING.**
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****COUNCIL MEMBER E. MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO REORDER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALL PROPERTIES ADDRESSED IN RESOLUTION 33-14.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SE**

62-14 PROPOSED BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING SELECTION OF WAKEMAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB RFI RESPONSE PROPOSAL TO OPERATE THE FORMER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB LOCATED AT 595 MADISON AVENUE

Resolution 62-14 was tabled.

76-14 PROPOSED 2015 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM

Mr. Perez from the Office of OPED provided a brief overview of the CT Neighborhood Assistance Act, a tax credit program designed to provide funding for tax exempt organizations.

****COUNCIL MEMBER E. MARTINEZ MOVED TO VOTE ON ITEM 76-14 RE: PROPOSED 2015 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- 1. DOCUMENTATION OF THE APPLICATIONS FROM ALL INVOLVED TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS IS PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL PRIOR TO FULL COUNCIL VOTE.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member E. Martinez left the meeting at 6:41 PM.

82-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY INC. FOR A WILDLIFE GUARDS 2015 GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Papa with Youth Services presented a brief overview of the grant being received from the National Audubon society, in the interest of the Southern CT youth employment program. There was some discussion about the application process, the diversity of the program and significant dates.

****COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 82-14 RE: GRANT SUBMISSION RE: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY INC. FOR A WILDLIFE GUARDS 2015 GRANT PROGRAM.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

87-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION FOR URBAN GREEN & COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM (#15352)

Ms. Gupta provided an overview of the desired grant requesting state funding for community garden initiatives in the city of Bridgeport. Two members of Green Village Initiative were also present and elaborated further. There was discussion as to the nature of the program, the transparency of the intended works and the necessary communication involving district members and project managers.

****COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 87-14 RE: GRANT SUBMISSION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION FOR URBAN GREEN & COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM (#15352).**

****COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Lyons stated that a meeting for all parties involved as well as more information and detailed plans of execution would be necessary for the next hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

****COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ramos
Telesco Secretarial Services