

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Robert Curwen, Chair, Angel dePara, Co-chair; M. Yvette Brantley, Council President Thomas McCarthy, Michelle Lyons (6:18 p.m.); Warren Blunt (6:18 p.m.)

OTHERS: Max Perez, Valerie Sorentino, Tammy Papa, Lighthouse Program; Rene Gupta, Bill Coleman; Mark Tillinger, MP Development

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Curwen called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of September 21, 2010

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2010.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**145-09 – Grant Submission re: State Department of Education 21st Century
Community Learning Centers Grant – Lighthouse in the Community.**

Ms. Papa came forward to speak about the grant and informed the Committee that three schools; Black Rock, John Winthrop and Geraldine Johnson would each received \$52,000 in grant funding.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 145-09 – GRANT SUBMISSION RE: STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT – LIGHTHOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Curwen requested this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**146-09 – Grant Submission re 2010-2011 State Department of Mental Health and
Addiction Services for Substance Abuse Prevention Program.**

Ms. Sorentino came forward to explain the various substance abuse programs available and reviewed the amount of grant funding the City would receive.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 146-09 – GRANT SUBMISSION RE 2010-2011 STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Curwen requested this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

147-09 Grant Submission re 2010-2011 State Department of Public Health for Local Public Preparedness Advisor Grant

Ms. Sorentino came forward to give an overview of the grant for Public Health Emergency Readiness/H1N1. She requested that the resolution be amended to include \$100,000 with the original \$67,000.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND THE GRANT SUBMISSION RE 2010-2011 STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR LOCAL PUBLIC PREPAREDNESS ADVISOR GRANT FROM \$67,000 TO \$167,000.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A letter from the Connecticut Department of Public Health Department dated September 21, 2010 was then submitted for inclusion with the minutes as Exhibit 1.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT SUBMISSION RE 2010-2011 STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR LOCAL PUBLIC PREPAREDNESS ADVISOR GRANT AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Curwen requested this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

148-09 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Donation for a portion of 305 Knowlton Street from MP Development Associates, LLC.

Mr. Coleman and Mr. Perez introduced Mr. Tillinger from MP Development Associates, LLC to the Committee. Mr. Tillinger gave a brief overview of the history of the parcel through Phase I & II and part of Phase III. The money will be available the NSPI funds.

The Council members had many concerns about environmental issues. Following the discussion, some of the language was changed on the document. Mr. Coleman will provide the City Clerk with an updated copy of the agreement.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF REAL
ESTATE
A PORTION OF 305 KNOWLTON STREET**

WHEREAS, MP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES LLC IS THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 305 KNOWLTON STREET; AND

WHEREAS, 305 KNOWLTON STREET IS LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN BANK OF THE PEQUONNOCK RIVER AND CONSISTS OF AN HISTORIC MILL BUILDING OF APPROXIMATELY 22,000 SQUARE FEET AS WELL AS A BLIGHTED WAREHOUSE AND OTHER OUT-BUILDINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 48,000 SQUARE FEET; AND

WHEREAS IT IS THE INTENTION OF MP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES TO SEVER FROM 305 KNOWLTON STREET THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WHICH CONTAINS THE BLIGHTED WAREHOUSE AND OUT BUILDINGS SO AS TO CREATE A NEW LEGAL PARCEL;

WHEREAS MP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES LLC WISHES TO DONATE THE NEWLY CREATED PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PLAN (NSP) PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF BLIGHT AND THE CREATION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN SUPPORT OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY WISHES TO ACCEPT SUCH DONATION AND TO USE NSP FUNDING TO DEMOLISH THE BLIGHTED WAREHOUSE AND OUT-BUILDINGS TO CREATE APPROXIMATELY 300 LINEAR FEET OF PUBLIC RIVERFRONT OPEN SPACE WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 1-ACRE OF TOTAL

OPEN SPACE AS WELL AS PARKING IN SUPPORT OF THE REVITALIZATION OF THE HISTORIC MILL BUILDING; AND

WHEREAS, BOTH THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CITY'S EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN CALL FOR THE RECAPTURE AND RECLAMATION OF THE BANKS OF THE PEQUONNOCK RIVER FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE CITIZENRY; AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE DESIGNEES, ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THIS DONATION OF REAL ESTATE IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

TO:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF REAL
ESTATE
A PORTION OF 305 KNOWLTON STREET**

WHEREAS, MP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES LLC IS THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 305 KNOWLTON STREET; AND

WHEREAS, 305 KNOWLTON STREET IS LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN BANK OF THE PEQUONNOCK RIVER AND CONSISTS OF AN HISTORIC MILL BUILDING OF APPROXIMATELY 22,000 SQUARE FEET AS WELL AS A BLIGHTED WAREHOUSE AND OTHER OUT-BUILDINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 48,000 SQUARE FEET; AND

WHEREAS IT IS THE INTENTION OF MP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES TO SEVER FROM 305 KNOWLTON STREET THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WHICH CONTAINS THE BLIGHTED WAREHOUSE AND OUT BUILDINGS SO AS TO CREATE A NEW LEGAL PARCEL;

WHEREAS MP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES LLC WISHES TO DONATE THE NEWLY CREATED PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PLAN (NSP) PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF BLIGHT AND THE CREATION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN SUPPORT OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY WISHES TO ACCEPT SUCH DONATION AND TO USE NSP FUNDING TO DEMOLISH THE BLIGHTED WAREHOUSE AND OUT-BUILDINGS TO CREATE APPROXIMATELY 300 LINEAR FEET OF PUBLIC RIVERFRONT OPEN SPACE WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 1-ACRE OF TOTAL OPEN SPACE AS WELL AS PARKING IN SUPPORT OF THE REVITALIZATION OF THE HISTORIC MILL BUILDING; AND

WHEREAS, BOTH THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CITY'S EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN CALL FOR THE RECAPTURE AND RECLAMATION OF THE BANKS OF THE PEQUONNOCK RIVER FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE CITIZENRY; AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SUBJECT TO THE CONCLUSION OF A SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE ACCT REVIEW (NEPA REVIEW) AS REQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND BY THE NSP 1 PROGRAM REGULATIONS, THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE DESIGNEES, ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THIS DONATION OF REAL ESTATE IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 148-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FOR A PORTION OF 305 KNOWLTON STREET FROM MP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC AS AMENDED.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services