

## Regular Meeting

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee (MSRAC)

Friday, June 8, 2018 – 9:00am

Merrill Seney Community Room Thompson Town Hall

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### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

- J. Blanchette, Chairperson
- N. O'Leary
- J. Hall
- B. Davis
- S. Lewis

#### ABSENT:

- M.A. Chinatti

#### Also present:

- S. Donohoe, Property Owner Liaison
- K. Beausoleil

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- J. Blanchette called meeting to order at 9:03 am.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. May 11, 2018 Regular Meeting
  - **Approved (M/S/C O'Leary/Davis)**
- b. May 23, 2018 Special Meeting
  - **Approved (M/S/C Davis/O'Leary)**

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

#### 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Motion to move to after Item #6 (**Approved M/S/C Davis/O'Leary**)

## 5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### a. Brownfield Area-Wide Redevelopment (BAR) Grant –

- No update yet. K.Beausoleil will email when we hear from State!

### b. 630 Riverside Drive Update –

- Colliers is on-board as property broker/ contract signed (as per S. Donohoe)
- Updated sign to be installed today

### c. 929 Riverside Drive Update

#### i. 5-23-18 Public Informational Meeting

- Well received!
- John Gumpert presented more detail on proposed project.
- Economic Development and Branding Committees would like to meet with J. Gumpert.
- Conceptual units showed many units having windowless bedrooms. Ken to review with Terry Bellman (Thompson BI).

## 6. MEMBER COMMENTS

- General discussion of Town Planner Mary Ann Chinatti's **many contributions** to our committee and to the Town in general! **She will be missed**, as she leaves to start new position in Plainfield. Note: M.A. Chinatti has agreed to work Fridays at the Thompson Town Hall to assist with transition period. **Thank you, Mary Ann!!**
- K. Beausoleil reported that the Economic Development Committee is currently building a new website, which should be ready by late Fall.
- J. Blanchette brought up the potential of a **joint meeting** with the Economic Development Committee and the Branding Committee to discuss common goals. Both committees had expressed interest at the Public Info Meeting. B. Davis stated that it may be too soon and that 6 months from now we would be better informed to have that meeting. J. Hall stated that she didn't know what we could tell them at this point and that we should monitor their committee minutes on-line. MSRAC is very interested to meet with both EDC and BC but will hold off for now.
- N. O'Leary suggested inviting Renee Waldron (Branding Committee chair) to our next meeting (7/6??, confirm) to get an update on BC activities.

## 4. CITIZENS COMMENTS (relocated from original agenda)

- S. Donohoe stated that he could not be here 7/6. He also reminded the committee that the issue of a broadband zone originating at the school was brought up at the Public Meeting. He said this would be great for the 929 Mill, as the reception is now poor. J. Blanchette will follow-up with M.A. Chinatti and K. Beausoleil will contact Heather (?) at the school.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

- **J. Blanchette adjourned the meeting at 9:42am.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Lewis, MSRAC member