

CRDA Regional and Economic Development Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Office of the Mayor

Town of East Hartford

740 Main Street

East Hartford, CT 06108

November 9, 2018

9:00 AM

Members Present Via Phone: Committee Chair Marcia Leclerc, Commissioner Catherine Smith, Commissioner Jim Redeker

Staff: Executive Director Mike Freimuth and Kim Hart

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Mayor Leclerc and the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting were approved on a voice vote.

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2. **Hartford Regional Market** – Mr. Freimuth reported on capital improvements underway at the Regional Market. Work includes road repairs and paving, as well as the installation of water and electrical lines to certain buildings on the site.
3. **Front Street** – Mr. Freimuth noted that a new restaurant will be moving into the space recently vacated by Qdoba. El Pollo Guapo, a popular rotisserie-themed restaurant in Wethersfield, will open its second location on the corner Front Street and Constitution Way.
4. **Showcase Cinema Site** – Mayor Leclerc reported that while the Town had hoped to negotiate a better price for the purchase of the Showcase Cinemas site, their lower offer was rejected by National Amusements. The Town Council will consider the purchase of the property for the original \$3.4 million asking price at its November 20th meeting.
5. **Goodwin College Drainage Improvements** – Ms. Hart reported that plans for the three-phase project are nearly complete and an RFP for the work will go out shortly. CRDA is also finalizing a contract with Zuvic, Carr and Associates for the remaining design and construction administration work.
6. **Silver Lane Road and Streetscape Improvements** – Mr. Freimuth noted that CRDA has finalized a contract with Transystems for design of the improvements and staff will be meeting with the firm shortly to discuss next steps.

7. **Great River Park** – CRDA is currently negotiating an agreement with Riverfront Recapture to undertake the capital improvement work in the park.
8. **The Borden** – Mr. Freimuth reported that Wethersfield housing project is currently under construction.
9. **Bushnell South Garage** – The RFQ for a design/build contractor for the garage is on the street. Once responses are received, a short list of respondents will be asked to submit a cost proposal. .
10. **Founders Plaza Garage** – The RFP for a Development Planner / Garage Designer should be issued in the next week or so.
11. **Other Garages** – Mr. Freimuth reported that the Front Street South Garage is fully occupied, while capital improvements are underway in the Convention Center garages. There remains a great deal of work to be done in the Church Street and some cracking issues are being addressed in the Science Center garage.
12. **Parkville Market** – Mr. Freimuth gave the Committee an overview of a potential new Parkville Market project. Additional details on the project, including CRDA’s role, will be forthcoming.

The next meeting of the Regional & Economic Development Committee is scheduled for December 14th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.