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REGULAR MEETING- BAR Grant

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee (MSRAC)

Friday, March 11, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Hybrid In-Person & Zoom

Zoom recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/60Sw2Oqc5G23NffFHOEPMq2Tiz4aU20b4fDuiMfmTrBOganD1wRJGh0iZ5xFeHG3.LitHau80RQT67zfF?startTime=1647007651000>

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Youtube recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J48oBn3bvZQ>

Members attending: J. Blanchette – Chair, B. Davis, J. Hall, S. Lewis, N. O’Leary

Staff Attending: T. Penn-Gesek, A. St Onge

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

O’Leary moves/Lewis 2nds to approve the minutes. Passes unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE - none

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a. LOTCIP Route 12 sidewalk project

RFP for construction inspection was posted as of Friday 4 March. Timeframe – info requests by 18 March/submissions due 4 April/Opened at BoS mtg 5 April/Evaluation date set for 8 April. Evaluation committee has not yet been established, but will at least include Blanchette, Penn-Gesek & St Onge. St Onge suggests that there is a good probability that a new DPW Director will have been hired prior to that point. Still waiting for the Authorization to Advertise from CT DOT. Last communication was that it would be within a week (about a week ago). Penn-Gesek will touch base with Freeman Co. to make sure they have seen the posting.

Blanchette reviews the drainage issue near Thatcher Rd. M. Butts had asked CT DOT to do a clean-out of the drainage pipe there. Penn-Gesek believes that had been done sometime in 2021. Part of the sidewalk plan includes a drainage improvement that will be partly situated on the private parcel next to the drainage area. Permission was received from the private owner to do the work on her property.

O’Leary asks about any possibility of adding a sidewalk on Thatcher Rd, because of the frequent use by students on the way to school. Blanchette points out that the road is relatively wide for its length, which is probably because of its relationship to the school campus. Penn-Gesek

suggests that it may be worth looking for a grant that may cover a retrofit for a connecting sidewalk or some other ped/bike safety infrastructure (bollards?). Blanchette suggests that new pavement markings would be a low-cost safety improvement, in the short term or in absence of any grant funding. Lewis points out that the steepness of the street may make bollards a practical solution.

b. Other Committee Business - none

6. MEMBER COMMENTS - none

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek

Director of Planning & Development