

Southfield Redevelopment Authority
Advisory Board meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Conference Room, SRA Offices

Members Present: Carol Karlberg, Chairman
Bruce Hughes, Vice Chairman
Eric Hart, Secretary
Martin Pillsbury
Bill Koplovsky
Joseph Shea
Lawrence Leahy
Benjamin Stone participated remotely

Members Absent: Eric Miller

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Mr. Stone requested remote participation. The check list was completed and the Chairman determined that Mr. Stone's geographic distance made his physical attendance unreasonably difficult. Mr. Stone was contacted using the phone in the conference room.

Minutes, Letter to SRA Directors

**VOTED: Motion of Eric Hart, seconded by Bill Koplovsky, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote**

Discussion ensued on the perceived ethics violation of LStar's intent to pay for the Executive Director Recruitment process (by the Collins Center), and the SRA Directors vote (on 9/11/17) to include LStar in the Executive Director screening process. Consensus of the Advisory Board felt there could be a dangerous precedent with an outside entity having a formal voice in an internal government matter. A letter was prepared for the SRA Chairman, Lyndsey Kruzer, to strongly recommend they get confirmation from the Ethics Commission on potential conflict of interest.

**VOTED: Motion of Bill Koplovsky, seconded by Eric Hart, to approve the letter as prepared on Sept. 13, 2017 to be sent to the SRA Chairman
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote**

Discussion of Director Compensation was tabled until the new SRA Executive Director was on board.

Reorganization of the Board

**VOTED: Motion of Bill Koplovsky, seconded by Joseph Shea, to elect Carol Karlberg as Chairman for another one year term
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote**

VOTED: Motion of Bill Koplovsky, seconded by Eric Hart, to elect Bruce Hughes as Vice Chairman for another one year term
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote

VOTED: Motion of Bill Koplovsky, seconded by Carol Karlberg, to elect Eric Hart as Secretary for another one year term
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote

Discussion ensued on the departure of the Administrative Assistant, concerns were raised on their need for continued administrative and staff support. A letter was prepared for the Chairman of the Board to provide support as per Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2014, Section 11 (e) 'The Authority shall provide such reasonable administrative and staff support to the Advisory Board as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of the Advisory Board's responsibilities pursuant to this act'.

VOTED: Motion of Bill Koplovsky, seconded by Joseph Shea to send the letter as amended on Sept. 13, 2017 to the Chairman of the SRA Board of Directors
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote

Members discussed ways to stay updated on the Union Point project and SRA operations; it was agreed that the Advisory Board should receive SRA Board of Director agendas, and use the opportunity to schedule joint meetings when deemed appropriate, on financial matters or other important issues.

VOTED: Motion of Eric Hart, seconded by Joseph Shea, to request that the Chairman of the Board of Directors provide meeting agendas to the Advisory Board in time to allow the posting of joint meetings
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote

Annual Report

The report was included in the Board's agenda packets. There were no questions. It was submitted to the Town of Weymouth per their deadline in August and will be provided to Rockland and Abington for their yearend deadline.

Letter to the Governor

The Board made revisions to a draft letter to the Governor. Discussion ensued on the new DDA, the use of free cash vs. the Developer Fee, etc.

VOTED: Motion of Eric Hart, seconded by Martin Pillsbury, to send the letter as amended on Sept. 13, 2017 to the Governor, the General Court and the Towns
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote

Executive Director Screening Committee

Discussion ensued on the Directors search for an Executive Director to oversee SRA operations and the need to appoint an Advisory Board member to the committee. Mr. Hart volunteered to serve. A letter will be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

VOTED: Motion of Martin Pillsbury, seconded by Bill Koplovsky, to appoint Eric Hart as the Advisory Board representative to the Screening Committee
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote

Before adjourning the meeting, the Board members requested that the Chairman read, for the record, their letter of thanks to Mary Cordeiro: "The Advisory Board would like to thank you for your eighteen years of service to Weymouth, Rockland and Abington in the capacity of the Administrative Assistant. You are the most consistent piece of this entire endeavor, and although you have served under several different entities' names, I believe you have best serviced the participating towns and their citizens, and served them well. Your professionalism and efficiency allowed us to rely and focus in on the business at hand rather than digging through a maze of legislation and paperwork. The value of the institutional knowledge possessed by you is immeasurable and was always delivered with the humility necessary to allow us to form cooperative efforts. Your cheerful and friendly manner made working with you a pleasure. We wish you the best in your future endeavors or retirement."

VOTED: Motion of Bill Koplovsky, seconded by Eric Hart, to adjourn the meeting
Unanimous 8-0 roll call vote

The meeting ended at 8:00pm



Carol Karlberg, Chairman

Documents reviewed during the meeting:
Minutes June 21, 2017
2017 Annual Report
Draft letters