



**City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810**

Danbury Main Street Partnership

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2014 – 4pm

Conference Room 3C

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 6, 2014

Members Present: Mayor Mark Boughton, Mike Kallas, Jim Maloney, Andrea Gartner, Marie O'Neill, Warren Levy, Paul Steinmetz, George Psarofagis, Steve Bull, Jack Deering, Lambert Shell

Members Absent: None

Staff/Guests Present: Dennis Elpern – Planning and Zoning Director, Bruce Tuomala - Economic Development Director, Roger Palanzo - Mayor's Office, Dan Lee – Greystar Director of Development, Tom Devine – City Center, Chris Furey – Virtual Density, Perry Salvagne – Hodge Ins./City Center, Manny Carreras - Guest

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boughton at 4:03pm.

Approval of minutes from September 4, 2014 meeting. Motioned to accept by Andrea Gartner; Seconded by Mike Kallas. Minutes unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

Tom Devine spoke in regard to hookah bars and the detriment this activity would be to downtown businesses and residents. He encouraged serious thought to discouraging hookah bars downtown and anywhere within the DRZ. Mr. Devine handed out literature to the group for review.

Old Business: NONE

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New Business:

Dan Lee, Director of Development for Greystar who is to construct hundreds of new luxury rental apartment units downtown, introduced himself to the Partnership. Greystar closed on the former BRT property on August 12, 2014 and is set for a groundbreaking as early as late November 2014. The complex which is to be comprised of five buildings will be constructed in phases with completing of the first building tentative for December 2015 and complex completion by the end of 2016. With offerings of standard flats and townhome apartments available, Greystar is excited to be a new member of the Danbury Downtown community.

Mayor's Update

- New Boys and Girls Club and Community Center will be located at the former Boughton Street YMCA location. This will be operated as a collaborative with the State of CT, City of Danbury, Danbury War Memorial and the CT Institute for Communities. This project will also allow for upgrades to the War Memorial, including school readiness sites that will generate income for the War Memorial. One pass will grant access to both facilities.
- Pocket park proposal for land near the police station has passed the City Council and closing planned for Wednesday. Ribbon Cutting tentative for August 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm. Motion by Warren Levy. Second by Paul Steinmetz. Unanimous approval.

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