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SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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MAYOR

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CHAIR

MINUTES
April 4, 2013 Meeting

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority met on Thursday, April 4, 2013 in the 2nd floor Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority: Members Nancy Busnach (Chair); Iwona Bonney (Secretary), James F. McCarthy (Treasurer), and William Gage.
Also present was Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel, and Steven Azar Senior Planner in Economic Development, Ed O'Donnell, Director of Economic Development Division, Frank Wright, City Solicitor, Michael Glavin, OSPCD Executive Director, Peter Sleeper, Relocation Consultant and Emily Cataneo, Somerville Journal reporter.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Nancy Busnach. Open session commenced.

Chair welcomes Somerville's new Economic Development Director, Ed O'Donnell. This was followed by introductions of all present.

- Vote:** Approve the March 21, 2013 meeting minutes.
 - Motion by Iwona Bonney and seconded by William Gage.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Vote:** Approve the January 31, 2013 meeting minutes
 - Motion by William Gage and seconded by Iwona Bonney.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Update on Assembly Square
 - Legal update on outstanding items provided by Eileen McGettigan
- Report from Peter Sleeper regarding relocation of business and residential tenants within acquisition properties contemplated within the North Prospect Block (Block A2/D2)
- Discussion regarding vote to ratify filing of Environmental Notification Form (ENF). William Gage recused himself from this discussion because of his employment with EOEEA as a MEPA analyst.

Vote: Ratify filing of the Environmental Notification Form

- Motion by Iwona Bonney and seconded by James McCarthy
- Unanimously approved (3-0, Gage recused)

William Gage reentered the open session.

6. **Vote:** Request to enter into Executive Session to discuss valuation of property and litigation strategy, and that the Board meeting would reconvene in open session.

Motioned by Chair seconded by James McCarthy.

Roll call:

- Iwona Bonney; AYE
- James McCarthy; AYE
- William Gage; AYE
- Nancy Busnach; AYE
- Unanimously approved

[Executive Session]

At 6:36 p.m., Chair reconvenes in Open Session

Chair welcomes back public and announced three votes were taken in Executive Session related to the valuation of properties within the North Prospect Block and litigation strategy.

7. **Votes:**
- Authorizing the City's Law Department and OSPCD staff to negotiate with property owners.
 - Authorizing the City's Law Department and OSPCD staff to request DHCD approval of purchase prices
 - Authorize Chair and Secretary, in the event purchase price cannot be negotiated, to adopt, execute and record Orders of Taking, to forward notices of taking, and to make payment of damages to those entitled thereto.
 - Certifying that the taking of the North Prospect Block parcels is necessary and required to carry out the purposes of the Union Square Revitalization Plan.
 - Establishing security as required by G.L.c 79, §40.
 - Establishing a use and occupancy charge
 - Authorizing Chair and Secretary to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate prior votes.

- Motion made to approve all above votes at once by Iwona Bonney and seconded by William Gage.
- Unanimously approved.

8. Other Business:

- Next meeting scheduled for May 2nd, 2013 at 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Iwona Bonney and seconded by James McCarthy. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.