

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

SRDC Conference Room

8:00 am

MEETING NOTES

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Due to not having a quorum these are not official meeting minutes, they are meeting notes. Also there were no motions made to be voted on.

**Present:** Bob flint, Bob Kendall, Heather Hartford, Dale Williamson

**Absent:** Doug Gurney, Patti Putnam, Mark Tanny, John Tansey, Jason Thom, Sam Coleman, Caitlin Christiana, Tom Kennedy, Tom Yennerell

**Guest:** Walter Martone

- 1) **Review of minutes for 1/27/16:** No action taken
- 2) **Review of January Financials:** No action taken
- 3) **Executive Director's Report:** Bob first spoke on the Climate Economy Summit that he had attended the previous day at VTC. Over 400 people attended. Senator Leahy was a guest speaker. He did a very good job with his presentation. Bob will e-mail the seven strategies that the State can use to address issues beyond a systemic point of view. This topic will most likely become the State's next Working Lands project.
- 4) **Old Business**
  - a. **J & L 1 Update**
    1. **BERA Update**
    2. **EPA Involvement:** The EPA was here two weeks ago. It appears that they will be taking over the "grinding swarf" in back of the building that has made its way into the river and is spreading. We are also trying to get them to take on the asbestos portion.
  - b. **Jones Center Status:** The new tenant will be signing a lease with occupancy to begin in June. We will be applying to VEDA for a loan to do some updating to get the space ready for this company.
  - c. **Bryants Building:**
    1. **Asbestos RFP:** Six companies placed bids for the asbestos cleanup at the south end only. DEC-TAM out of Reading, MA was chosen to do this work.
    2. **Project Update:** We are working more closely with Historic Preservation this time around. A drawing of the building was shown. Part of the original area is slated to come down. The Division of Historic Preservation is not in favor. We will wait to see how everything plays out.

d. Blake Hill Preserves Project

1. Redo VEDA Corporate Resolution: No action taken.

2. Construction Status: The project was started and is moving along. Unfortunately it is over budget. However VEDA will most likely amend their loan. Another corporate resolution will be needed. E. F. Wall, the chosen construction contractor will be taking over the project very soon.

e. CRDC/WIC/SRDC Discussion: This process is moving forward. Bob LaPlante went up and came back with some serious concerns about the buildings. Bob owes John Tansey a draft proposal for SRDC taking over the management of the building. With this comes the Revolving Loan Fund for us to also take over.

5) Other Business

a. Economic Development District: Our part in this is putting out a business survey. We have also helped in putting together a couple of local focus groups. One each in Springfield and Chester. A third one will take place in Windsor. The focus is "creative economy". This is the project that Two Rivers RPC is working on for the EDD.

b. Vermont Futures Meeting: Organizers would like to have half-day workshop. Wanted a sense of how people felt on having this meeting.

c. Legislative Update: Bob will be testifying on Thursday on a bill that is likely to be a "catch all" of various economic development proposals that are out there this session.

d. Legislative Forum: Monday, March 7, 2016 to be held at RVTC. All area Legislatures and SRDC members and friends have been invited. We are hopeful for a very good turnout.

6) Executive Session

7) Adjourn: No formal adjournment. The meeting ended at 9:05 a. m.

Next Meeting – March 22, 2016

Enc: Membership Report  
Financial Report  
Executive Director's Report (to be emailed)