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**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE – Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 6, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
ECD Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Bristol City Hall**

ATTENDEES: Commissioners Goldwasser, Mills, Rasmussen-Tuller
ABSENT: - - -
STAFF: Jeffrey Caggiano, Mayor
Justin Malley, City of Bristol Economic Development Director
Dawn Leger, Grants Administrator
Andrew Armstrong, Assistant City Planner
Richard Lacey, Assistant Corporation Counsel
GUESTS: Council Members Susan Tyler, Jacqueline Olsen, Cheryl Thibeault
Council Member Andrew Howe (online)

- I. Commissioner Goldwasser called the ECD Downtown Committee meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Public Participation – There was no public participation.
- III. Minutes

Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of August 30, 2021. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion, motion was passed.

IV. New Business

A. City Green Discussion

Commissioner Goldwasser introduced this subject. Justin spoke about the Urban Act funding which was applied for. It included funding for the design of a city green.

We may want to be flexible on where on Centre Square it would be located. But we need to communicate with the State regarding our intentions. We need to discuss the flexibility with the State. This would include the location and possibly changing the size of it.

The following items were pointed out:

- It was specified in the grant application (the location) so we do not want to jeopardize that.
- To open up the space more for more building or parking structure or shared parking.
- We have to consider the Route 72 changes and how it will affect this.
- In order to execute the grant we do need to ID an area (the Patch for example). There was discussion about parcel 2 with a slight expansion into Parcel 1.
- Parking needs to be part of the conversation also. The possibility of shared parking was discussed.

- Richard Lacey said that the contract right now indicates Lot 4. What is needed now is to first contact the State to see if this has to go to the Bond Commission or not. We also need to check to see if we can change the lot size.
- Dawn Leger said we also had to identify the address. She has spoken to the State and was told as long as it was still an acre it could be moved anywhere on the site but she doesn't know about the size or whether it can be divided.
- Original discussions concerning the Patch were reviewed along with earlier interest in that portion of Centre Square.
- A colored in map of Centre Square was requested to assist in this discussion. A current map was reviewed.

V. Take any action as necessary – No action was taken at this meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary