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61-63 Summer St Reuse Committee Minutes for 7/20/23

Meeting opened at 7p.m. with all members present and one guest in attendance, David Shepherd, citizen and Director of ACME

Minutes of previous meeting approved

Brion reported that all past committee meeting minutes were now up to date except for two, 6/8 Community Forum event and May 18 and those minutes would also be passed along to town clerk's office for posting and archived.

Discussion ensued about letter to SB from our committee asking for an extension on the date for the final report. MAPC and Bill Nemser both endorsed requesting additional time for final report as MAPC just began their contract with town on 7/1/23 and Scope of Work needs to be reviewed and discussed and tasks agreed upon by both project team and project partners and much work still needs to be done for our committee to meet the SB charge to our team. Letter was drafted asking for extension from 9/1 to March 2024 with the committee assuring the SB that we will make every effort to complete our work before March. Vote to approve the request by SB for an extension was four in favor and one not in favor.

Khadijah reported that town has signed the contract with MAPC but Scope of Work has not been approved and we need to discuss our concerns as this is the document under which MAPC and our team will work. After some discussion we agreed to review the current Scope of Work and send our issues and areas of concern to Brion and Khadijah who will forward to Andrea at MAPC for our joint meeting on 8/3. In addition, each committee member presented at least three questions for MAPC to consider at the 8/3 meeting and which may become part of the new Scope of Work when we meet with them. Linde offered to combine all the questions which were discussed tonight and forward this document to co-chairs who will review and send on to Andrea at MAPC with CC to Bill Nemser. There was an expressed concern that the current Scope of Work may be too much a boiler plate and not address the work we hope that MAPC can do for this project. Much of what the committee has been working on since March is mentioned as part of the MAPC work in this Scope and might be too time consuming and extend this project unnecessarily.

Different options for updating the scope were discussed and it was decided that we would send our concerns to MAPC and this could be discussed with them on 8/3.

Andy reported that he had toured the Artspace building again and that the one really concerning condition in that building is the heating system.

David Shepherd spoke briefly during Public Comment section of meeting and also addressed the heating system and the importance of town being made aware that lights are burning in these buildings 24/7 and building is essential empty now.

Artspace ED reports that 5 artists have stored belongings in the building and 3 artists are still active in the building.

Committee decided to ask via email for a status of lease extensions and building status from TA Johnson.

Next meeting is scheduled for 8/3 and MAPC will join us beginning 7:15.

Motion to adjourn made by Andy at 8:35p.m., seconded by Khadijah