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Redevelopment Board Minutes 03/13/1006

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of March 13, 2006
Executive Session

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Christopher Loreti
Andrew West
Roland Chaput

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien, Secretary ex officio

Chris Loreti moved and Roland Chaput seconded that the Board enter into executive session in order to discuss litigation pending on the Symmes project, which discussion if held in open session, would have a detrimental effect on the litigation. Kevin O'Brien polled the Board: Chris Loreti – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes, Roland Chaput – yes, Andrew West – yes.

Jake Upton of Symmes Redevelopment Associates joined the executive session.

The Board asked Jake Upton to describe the status of the settlement discussion with the appellants. After his reporting, he discussed the likely changes to the proposed residential development if the terms of the settlement were accepted by the appellants. The Board agreed that the changes were reasonable and asked that they be shown the ultimate design changes when they had been finalized.

The Board then discussed with Jake Upton the changes in the business terms that must be considered in light of the changes contemplated in the settlement discussions. The Board indicated that it may vote to change the Land Disposition Agreement which contains the business terms at its next meeting because it cannot accept any further reduction in revenues generated by the project.

Andrew West moved that the Board leave executive session and Roland Chaput seconded the motion. Kevin O'Brien polled the Board: Chris Loreti – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes, Roland Chaput – yes, Andrew West – yes.

The Board adjourned at 9:25

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien



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Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 7:05

The Board signed the decision for the special permit for Watertown Savings Bank at 980 Massachusetts Avenue.

On a motion by Andrew West, Seconded by Chris Loreti, the Board approved the minutes for May 23, 2005, May 25, 2005, September 19, 2005, November 28, 2005, December 19, 2005 and February 13, 2006 by a vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

The Board then discussed the request by Richard Keshian, attorney for G & H Realty Trust for a two year extension of their special permit which is scheduled to expire on April 29, 2006. Roland Chaput moved that the permit be extended one year from its expiration date. Andrew West seconded the motion and the Board voted 4 to 0 in favor.

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The Board voted to leave executive session and to adjourn at 9:25

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