

**Neighborhood Committee Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
Connecticut Convention Center
100 Columbus Boulevard, 5th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
Friday, May 11, 2018
8:30 a.m.**

PRESENT:

Members: Mayor Luke Bronin (Committee Chair), David Jorgensen (phone), Suzanne Hopgood (phone)

Guests: Kiley Gosselin, City of Hartford (present), Don Chapman, City of Hartford (phone) Emily Wolfe and Matt Shaw, Sheldon Oaks.

Staff: Mike Freimuth, Kim Hart (phone)

Absent: Marcia Leclerc, Joanne Berger Sweeney

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Mayor Bronin and the minutes of the February 5, 2018 were approved on voice vote.

Michael Freimuth updated the committee on the five neighborhood projects underway- Bowles – completion of demolition underway; Swift – financing closed; Albany Infrastructure – funds transferred to CDOT; Brackett Knoll – Approvals received for property sale, pending assistance agreement between CRDA and developer; Dillon – design work advancing, construction manager bid underway.

Nina – Heritage Homes – Michael Freimuth outlined a home ownership program underway in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. The program needs assistance for six properties on Hawthorne and Sigourney and is exploring the creation/redevelopment of twelve additional units in the neighborhood. Upon motion made and seconded the Committee authorized up to \$2.5M to expand program for additional homeownership project in the NINA area.

690-714 Albany – Sheldon Oaks presented its plan to renovate a deteriorating building at the corner of Vine and Albany into 8 apartments, (4 affordable) and 3-4 storefronts. The total project cost is estimated to be \$4.5M with a \$2.5M CRDA grant request.

The committee discussed various aspects of the project: sources and uses; whether a grant vs. a loan is appropriate; the mix of affordable and market rate units; the context for the project in light of other Albany Ave. projects; and if prevailing wage would be required. The matter was tabled pending further information.

The Committee adjourned at 9:50am. The next meeting is June 8, 2018 at 8s:30am.