

**Housing and Neighborhood Committee Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
Connecticut Convention Center
100 Columbus Boulevard, 5th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
Thursday, December 20, 2018
9:30 a.m.**

PRESENT:

Members Present via Phone: Board Chair Suzanne Hopgood, Mayor Luke Bronin, Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Commissioner Evonne Klein

Staff: Executive Director Mike Freimuth and Kim Hart

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairperson Hopgood and the minutes of the October 12th meeting were approved on a voice vote.

New Project – Colt Armory

Mr. Freimuth reported that CRDA has been asked to participate in a new project at the Colt Armory Complex. The so-called “U-Shape Building” has been vacated by CREC and the owners are now looking to convert the building into a multi-use property. The top two floors would include 26 residential units, while the bottom floor would continue to house commercial use. The property also includes 80+ parking spaces. The total project would be \$7 million, with CRDA providing a \$1.5 million loan at 3% for 20 years.

After a brief discussion, a resolution authorizing CRDA funding for the project was approved on a voice vote.

Other Business – Quirk Middle School

Chairperson Hopgood asked for an update on City Council approval of the Quirk Middle School Project. Mr. Freimuth noted that the City needs to enter a license agreement with CRDA to do the work, as well as some sort of lease agreement with the Police Athletic League to operate the building. Mayor Bronin reported that a number of meetings have been held on the project and that Thea Montañez in his office was leading the effort to get these documents drafted and approved.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 9:40 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 4, 2018 at 9:00 am.