

**MINUTES  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2022**

Present: Mayor Ben Florsheim; Minority Leader Phil Pessina; Pamela Steele; Rev. Robyn Anderson; Rev. Moses Harvill; Cynthia Clegg; Bobbye Knoll Peterson; Bryan Skowera; Christina Heckart; Diana Doyle; Brig Smith; Joe Fazzino; Kevin Elak

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve the March 2, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Bryan Skowera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. New Business**

**A. Presentation by Applicants**

**i. Middletown Fire Department**

Middletown Fire Department gave a presentation on possibly purchasing a Quint Fire Apparatus that will allow the department a multi-purpose apparatus that can be used as a Pumper and a second Ladder Truck.

**ii. 339 Main LLC**

339 Main LLC gave a presentation on potentially redesigning and re-constructing the interior of 339 Main Street for use for local businesses and individuals looking to live and/or work downtown Middletown.

**iii. NoRA Cupcake Company**

NoRA Cupcake Company gave a presentation on possibly acquiring 696-700 Main Street to ensure its continued operations in Middletown and to ensure that the 14 single resident apartments remain secure and affordable.

**iv. Cross Street Training and Academic Center**

Cross Street Training and Academic Center gave a presentation on potentially

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reducing health disparities for the BIPOC community by building a knowledge of health care issues, advocating for health equity, implementing community-based health and well-being programs, and forging connections with health care providers and public officials.

**B. Discussion of Recommendations**

Brig Smith advised that there are no new recommendations from the working group. The Common Council approved JR Hargreaves' application at the last meeting.

**C. Approval Process and Timeline**

Mayor Benjamin Florsheim advised the Task Force that we are reviewing the applications thoroughly and, if all the application were approved, we would be oversubscribed. He suggested closing the applications 30 days from the end of the week.

Bryan Skowera made a MOTION to close the application 30 days after a press release has been issued. Phil Pessina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Report on Current Expenses and Balances**

Mayor Benjamin Florsheim advised that Task Force was updated during the discussion of recommendations.

**b. Report from Water and Sewer**

Joe Fazzino updated the Task Force on upcoming water and sewer work. The investigation is continuing and there are no new projects other than the Water Booster Station on Bartholomew Road. There was also no news on the water main work on Saybrook Road.

**6. Other**

**7. Adjournment**

MOTION to adjourn made by Bryan Skowera and seconded by Phil Pessina. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 12:10 p.m.