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TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RESOLUTION #22

RESOLUTION ISSUING THE LEAD AGENCY'S FINDINGS STATEMENT BASED ON THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED UPDATE OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD EAST MAIN STREET URBAN RENEWAL PLAN (1993), AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO FILE AND DISTRIBUTE SAID FINDINGS PURSUANT TO 6 NYCRR SECTION 617.12(b)

Councilman Dunleavy offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Wooten.

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead Community Development Agency (CDA), by CDA Resolution #9 of September 19, 2006, authorized the update of the East Main Street Urban Renewal Plan (URP) as adopted October 19, 1993, pursuant to the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the CDA by the same resolution declared itself the lead agency for the environmental review of the aforementioned Urban Renewal Plan Update under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and determined that such action, together with existing development petitions, had the potential for a significant adverse impact upon either the natural or social environment, and that a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) should be prepared, and thereafter the CDA filed the requisite Positive Declaration of significance under SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the CDA as lead agency prepared a Draft Scope of Issues to properly focus the analysis of the GEIS; circulated the document among involved and interested agencies for their comment; and also held a Scoping Hearing on October 25, 2006, to solicit public comment on the GEIS Scope, and

WHEREAS, the CDA reviewed those comments and incorporated them into a Final Scope of Issues, and

WHEREAS, the CDA, with the assistance of the Town's consultants, prepared a Draft Urban Renewal Plan Update, and a Draft GEIS assessing the aforementioned action, and

WHEREAS, the CDA conducted a public hearing on the Draft GEIS on June 19, 2008, and accepted public comments on the Draft GEIS through July 7, 2008, and,

WHEREAS, the CDA, with the assistance of the Town's consultants, prepared a Final GEIS on the proposed URP Update, and the CDA issued said Final GEIS on August 22, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the CDA has allowed public consideration of the Final GEIS pursuant to Section 617.11(a) of the SEQRA implementing regulations, and

WHEREAS, the CDA has reviewed and carefully considered the Draft GEIS, the Final GEIS and all written and oral comments received with respect to the GEIS review, and

WHEREAS, the CDA has completed its environmental review of the proposed URP Update, and complied with all requirements of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the implementing regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 617,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in connection with the proposed Update to the Town of Riverhead Urban Renewal Plan,

i) the CDA has fully considered the relevant environmental impacts, facts and conclusions disclosed in the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement, and

ii) the CDA has weighed and balanced the relevant environmental impacts with social, economic, and other considerations, and has set forth the rationale for the CDA's determinations in the attached Lead Agency Findings Statement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDA hereby determines that the requirements of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617 have been met, and consistent with social, economic, and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the action is one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable, and that the adverse environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the URP Update will be avoided or minimized to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the decision those mitigation measures that were identified as practicable in the Generic Environmental Review, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to file and distribute the attached CDA's Lead Agency Findings Statement in accordance with the requirements of 6 NYCRR § 617.12(b).

THE VOTE

DUNLEAVY ~~YES~~ NO

~~BUCKLEY~~ ~~YES~~ ~~NO~~ (absent)

BLASS ~~YES~~ NO

WOOTEN ~~YES~~ NO

CARDINALE ~~YES~~ NO

10/02/08

**TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

RESOLUTION # 23

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2008 UPDATE OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
EAST MAIN STREET URBAN RENEWAL PLAN (1993)**

Councilwoman Blass offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Dunleavy .

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead Community Development Agency (CDA), by CDA Resolution #9 of September 19, 2006, authorized the update of the East Main Street Urban Renewal Plan (URP) as adopted October 19, 1993, pursuant to the General Municipal Law (“GML”) of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the CDA by the same resolution declared itself the lead agency for the environmental review of the aforementioned Urban Renewal Plan Update under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and determined that such action, together with existing development petitions, had the potential for a significant adverse impact upon either the natural or social environment, and that a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) should be prepared, and thereafter the CDA filed the requisite Positive Declaration of significance under SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the CDA as lead agency prepared a Draft Scope of Issues to properly focus the analysis of the GEIS; circulated the document among involved and interested agencies for their comment; and also held a Scoping Hearing on October 25, 2006, to solicit public comment on the GEIS Scope, and

WHEREAS, the CDA reviewed those comments and incorporated them into a Final Scope of Issues, and

WHEREAS, the CDA, with the assistance of the Town’s consultants, prepared a Draft Urban Renewal Plan Update, and a Draft GEIS assessing the aforementioned action, and

WHEREAS, the CDA conducted a public hearing on the Draft GEIS on June 19, 2008, and accepted public comments on the Draft GEIS through July 7, 2008, and,

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed URP Update on June 19, 2008, pursuant to Section 505(2) of the GML ; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, on July 9, 2008, the Town Planning Board adopted a resolution giving its unqualified approval of the proposed URP Update pursuant to Section 505(3)(a) of the GML; and

WHEREAS, the CDA, with the assistance of the Town's consultants, prepared a Final GEIS on the proposed URP Update, and the CDA issued said Final GEIS on August 22, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the CDA allowed public consideration of the Final GEIS pursuant to Section 617.11(a) of the SEQRA implementing regulations, and

WHEREAS, the CDA reviewed and carefully considered the Draft GEIS, the Final GEIS and all written and oral comments received with respect to the GEIS review, and

WHEREAS, the CDA completed its environmental review of the proposed URP Update, and complied with all requirements of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the implementing regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 617, and by Resolution dated September 16, 2008 issued its Lead Agency SEQRA Findings Statement pursuant to the requirements of 6 NYCRR Section 617.11 of the SEQRA implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has completed its review of the proposed URP Update consistent with the requirements of Section 505 of the GML;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CDA hereby adopts the attached 2008 Update to the Town of Riverhead East Main Street Urban Renewal Plan, and in connection therewith, the CDA finds that

- i) portions of the EMSURA are substandard areas that tend to impair or arrest the sound growth and development of the Town, and
- ii) the URP affords maximum opportunity to private enterprise, consistent with the sound needs of the Town as a whole, for the undertaking of the Town's urban renewal program, and
- iii) the plan conforms to the comprehensive community plan for the development of the Town as a whole, and
- iv) it is not anticipated that there will be the need for the relocation of any families or individuals from the EMSURA, but that if such relocation proves to be necessary, it will be feasible to relocate them into decent, safe and sanitary dwellings not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities, at rents or prices within the financial means of such families or individuals, and reasonably accessible to their places of employment; and
- v) the carrying out of the URP activities in stages is in the best public interest and will not cause any additional or increased hardship to the residents of such designated area.

THE VOTE

DUNLEAVY ~~YES~~ NO

~~BUCKLEY~~ ~~YES~~ ~~NO~~ (absent)

BLASS ~~YES~~ NO

WOOTEN ~~YES~~ NO

CARDINALE ~~YES~~ NO