



## Community Relations Committee

Ronald M. Sill, Chair, Evelyn Browning, Louis Oliwa  
Charles Sampson, Alternate

### Regular Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

Derby City Hall, 1 Elizabeth St., Derby, CT

1. Chair Ronald M. Sill called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call – Members Present were Evelyn Browning, Charles Sampson, and Ronald Sill. Louis Oliwa was excused.
4. There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.
5. Public Portion: Richard Eaton, 114 Atwater Avenue, Derby gave a presentation on his suggestion to create an Arts and Festival Park on the South Side of Main Street that would be a venue for upper/middle scale events. It would require minimal investment and put the City in a positive light. It could host ethnic festivals, artists, artisans, vendors, and food trucks, musicians, and children activities. It would be family oriented with standards. Mr. Sill thanked him for his suggestion and it will be forwarded to the Mayor's Staff.
6. The minutes of April 25, 2019 were tabled as they weren't in the packet.
7. The disposition of the Derby Fire Alarm Boxes was discussed. It was decided that the Corporation Counsel and Town Clerk will work together to develop a draft resolution for the full BOA/A that recommends the end of the use of the Derby Fire Alarm Box System. Mr. Sill moved to present a resolution to the full BOA/A to decommission the use of the Fire Alarm Boxes in the City of Derby, have them removed from the poles and store them in a safe place owned and controlled by the City of Derby until the BOA/A determines how they will be disposed of. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Mrs. Browning is asking the Mayor's Office to fix the ongoing problems at the Parking Garage including the security cameras, cleanliness, constant employee concerns, and whatever other issues exist. Mr. Sill said the Mayor told him that there is plenty of money in the account because we need the security system fixed. Mr. Sampson was not aware that the security system was not working. He was aware that there were cleanliness issues. He reported that recently the Mayor and the Chief of Staff had gone on a random site visit and that the conditions were not bad at all. The original maintenance person has been temporarily assigned to another City position until July 1, 2019. Mr. Sill noted that the security system has been not functioning for a long time. Mr. Sampson will review the security system get the appropriate quotes for repair and report back to the CR Committee. There is no need to make a motion. All the matters will be referred to the Mayor's Office for action and review.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm without objection.