

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
Gateways Committee Special Meeting
September 28, 2016**

Present

Peter Mastrobattista
Amy Suffredini
Hilary Donald
Augusto Russell

Staff:

William Warner
Rose Ponte
Kathy Eagen

A. Call to Order.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

B. Public Comment:

Norma Hartley, 32 Gerard Ave, would like the committee to consider adding public art to the Gateway Study Area. She brought examples of public art structures from around the country.

Scott Coughlin, 27 High Street, originally from Seattle, stated that many new structures in Seattle require public art as a part of their approval process.

Melissa Marshall, Accessibility Consultant, stressed that Universal Design should be considered though out the project area and that the committee should make this a priority. She stated that we can still implement Universal Design and have successful Historic Preservation efforts. Kathy Eagen welcomed Ms. Marshall to the meeting and encouraged her to participate throughout the process.

K. Communications - N/A

L. Discussion concerning architectural and design considerations for The Farmington Gateway Study Area.

Kathy Eagen gave a brief overview of what has been accomplished to date, specifying the many common themes and concepts that have emerged during the charrettes and listing the design guidelines that would be appropriate for this area. She also outlined phase two of this project, of which many of the items have been completed.

Geoff Fitzgerald, from BL Companies, presented a visual preference survey with 100 images grouped by location. Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed each image; after his presentation everyone had the opportunity to vote whether they liked or disliked the images.

The images will be made available on the Town's website, and an e-newsletter will be mailed to all the charrette attendees so they can also respond. The results will be available during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

M. Other Business- None noted; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Rose Ponte
Economic Development Director.

cc: Sub-Committee Members
Bill Warner, Town Planner
Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager
Paula Ray, Town Clerk
Deb Bull, Administrative Assistant