



Special Outside Counsel Committee – Board of Representatives

Jeff Curtis, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024
Time: 7:30pm
Place: *This Meeting was held remotely*

The Special Outside Counsel Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were President Curtis and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Fedeli, Kuczynski, Miller, Sherwood, and Stella. Excused were Reps. Berns and Campbell. Also present were Reps. Adams, Camporeale, Jacobson, Matheny, Morson, Shaw, Summerville, Tomas, and Weinberg; Attorney Patricia Sullivan, Cohen and Wolf; and members of the public.

Possibly in Executive Session:

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. OC31.001	REVIEW; Status of High Ridge Real Estate Owner, LLC v Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford. 05/04/22 – Submitted by President Curtis 05/31/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0 06/13/22 – Moved to Pending 01/12/23 – Report Made & Held in Committee	Report Made

Attorney Sullivan gave a status update. The Land Use court returned it to the Stamford court. It has not yet been assigned to a judge. She has requested it be assigned to the Administrative Appeals docket. The plaintiff has filed a memorandum looking to supplement the record that was filed a while ago, and she has objected to that.

Attorney Sullivan gave an overview of the process. The matter was referred to Judge Lee. He tried to help the parties reach a negotiated settlement which was unsuccessful. In an Administrative Appeal the plaintiff briefs, the defendant briefs, the plaintiff replies, then there is an oral argument before a judge.

Judge Lee recused himself because of the time he had spent negotiating with the parties he felt he should not be the judge hearing the oral argument and rendering a decision. This is typical that the judge who helps with a settlement is not the same judge who will sit in on the oral argument.

Attorney Sullivan will get to the Committee the costs of the litigation so far.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss the pending litigation was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote. The following people entered the executive session at 7:48pm: President Curtis, Reps. Adams, Camporeale, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Jacobson, Kuczynski, Matheny, Miller, Morson, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, and Weinberg, and Attorney Sullivan.

The executive session ended at 7:58pm. President Curtis announced that no votes were taken.

President Curtis adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Curtis, President

This meeting is on Video ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#))