

Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency

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Minutes of Public Hearing

City Harbor, LLC Amendment
May 9, 2022 @ 1:00pm
Tompkins County Legislative Chambers
121 E Court Street, Ithaca NY
and
Via Zoom live streamed to YouTube

Present: Heather McDaniel (for Tompkins County IDA), Shawna Black, John Guttridge, Mike Sigler (TCIDA Board), Jessica Edger-Hillman, Jason Crane (Edger Enterprises) David Riedman, Ken Hall (Riedman Companies), Ina Arthur (IAED), Theresa Alt (Speaker)

1. Heather McDaniel called the public hearing to order at 1:00pm.
2. Heather McDaniel gave an overview of the project and the proposed incentive.
3. Public comment was heard from the following:

Theresa Alt, 206 Eddy Street, City of Ithaca

I have no objection to the project per se, but I do object to tax abatements for market-rate housing. I'm sure that attractive housing marketed to upscale renters can be built without subsidy - as it is in Collegetown. Property tax and other local tax abatements and reductions should go only to housing affordable at a mix of levels below area median income. Little token payments to the Community Housing Development Fund are way too low and late for the current housing crisis.

4. The hearing was adjourned at 1:07pm.