

## **Trumbull Business Advisory Council**

### **News Release**

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### **Trumbull Economic Development Commission Establishes Business Advisory Council**

Trumbull, Conn. August 10, 2009 – A volunteer business advisory council has been formed by Trumbull's Economic Development Commission (EDC) in order to get direct input from the business community on its economic development and business retention efforts.

Co-chaired by Paul McNeil, general manager of the Trumbull Marriott, and Bob Matthews, head of the EDC, the Business Advisory Council has 12 members who began meeting in March to discuss economic development activities in the town.

Besides McNeil, members are Jack Berg, High Ridge Management Resources; Jim Cannon, Mutual of Omaha; Karen DelVecchio, Bridgeport Regional Business Council; Steve Hodson, Hodson Realty, Garrett Sheehan, United Illuminating; Bruce Silverstone, Aquarion; Jim Somers, Peoples United; and Tom Williams, Coopers Surgical. Martin Arnold serves on the Council along with Matthews representing the EDC. Deborah Cox, Trumbull Economic Development Director, who also participates as a member of the group, said that the Council has already generated ideas that will aid economic development plans and activities, plus the group helps broaden business networks that are constantly being developed.

Matthews said, "We are pleased that top flight business leaders have agreed to be part of the new Business Advisory Council. We look to them for not just understanding and oversight of EDC objectives, but also for input on how their organizations can assist with business retention and marketing/recruiting." Arnold added that the public-private partnerships like the one we have now established in Trumbull have been effective in communities throughout the U.S., including Connecticut, in helping to accomplish commercial development and retention goals.

The Council plans to meet every eight weeks or so. Trumbull business people who would like to know more could call either Matthews at 445-1178 or Arnold at 445-8862.

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