

## ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2012 7:15 pm  
Trumbull Town Hall

### I. Attendance

**Commission:** Gary Bean, Tom Ginis, Beryl Kaufman, Jack Berg, Scott Wich  
**Commissioners Absent:** Evelyn Zamar, William Haberland, Skip Sather, Jim Abraham

**Town Staff:** Dan Nelson

**Public:** one member of the public

### II. Old Business

A. Mr. Wich motioned that the March 7, 2012 meeting minutes be amended because the vote in favor to support the Park Avenue project was missing in them. Mrs. Kaufman seconded the motion.

B. Old business was discussed.

### III. New Business

A. Mr. Bean started the meeting with the Public Hearing for the Small Cities Grant. The Town hall has applied for the grant to upgrade the elevator in the Town Hall. Mr. Nelson introduced Larry Wagner who is the Towns consultant for the application. Mr. Wagner went over the details of the grant and stated that the application is due on June 8' 2012.

B. Mr. Bean introduced the new Economic Development Director for the Town of Trumbull, Ed Lavernoch who will be starting May 1, 2012. Mr. Lavernoch introduced himself and told the Commission about his background and that he is ready for some new challenges for the Town.

C. Mr. Wich gave an update on the Park Avenue project. They have been to planning and zoning and will need to go back again. Mr. Rizzio, residents of Bridgeport and others were in attendance to the P&Z meeting.

D. Mr. Nelson went over the Tax abatement ordinance. The Commission has decided they would like to take out the part about personal property and need to look at each business individually and need to be flexible.

E. Mr. Nelson discussed a new idea called Mind Mixer that could be part of the Towns website. Mr. Nelson has watched a demo on Mind Mixer and would like to share it with the Commissioners. This is something that

members of the Community could log onto and the Town would be able to get feedback from them on different questions that Department Heads can post on there.

- F. Mr. Nelson gave some input on the business recruitment for the town and talked about how Merritt Boulevard would be paved in the summer time and they are looking to put better signage up also.
- G. Mr. Bean spoke about the breakfast and stated that the Commission was waiting till the new Director was hired. The Date of the breakfast will be June 6<sup>th</sup> and be held at the Trumbull Marriot. Mr. Ginis told Mr. Lavernoich that he was helping to search for a speaker. The committee discussed who the audience was at the last breakfast and who should be at this years breakfast. There was a motion by Mr. Bean to vote on allocating \$3,000 to spend on a speaker. The motion was seconded by Mrs.Kaufman. There was a new motion by Mr. Wich to spend up to \$3,000 with approval by Board of Finance and it was seconded by Mr. Ginis.

#### IV. Adjournment

Of motion by Mr. Bean and seconded by Mr. Ginis the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 PM.