

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – * Amended

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 Zmary, William Haberlin, 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 to reflect the vote, 5-0 in favor (Mrs. Zmary abstained, Mr. Bean absent from room for vote due to ZBA appearance) of supporting the Park Avenue project was missing in them. Mrs. Kaufman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Old business was discussed.

III. New Business

A. A public hearing was held and Mr. Wagner reviewed the types of eligible projects and requirements for National Objective. He noted that the Town had a prior grant for renovations to the Senior Center, which was successfully completed. The Town has no other grants or Program Income. The proposed project is to replace the existing elevator in Town Hall as part of an overall plan to improve handicap accessibility. The existing elevator breaks down frequently and is expensive to maintain because of its age and difficulty in getting parts. A new elevator would be installed to meet current safety codes and provide access to citizens and employees without difficulty. Several commission members expressed support for the project. No questions from the public were received, the public hearing was adjourned.

B. 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.

- C. Mr. Bean introduced the new Economic Development Director for the Town of Trumbull, Ed Lavernoich who will be starting May 1, 2012. Mr. Lavernoich introduced himself and told the Commission about his background and that he is ready for some new challenges for the Town.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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 6th 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 up to \$3,000 to spend on a speaker. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kaufman. Vote 4-1(Wich). There was a new motion by Mr. Wich to clarify that the speaker fee be conditioned on approval by Board of Finance to reallocate the monies for that purpose and it was seconded by Mr. Ginis. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

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