

Town of Trumbull
Economic and Community Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 12th 2013 7:15pm
Trumbull Town Hall

Commission: Chairman Scott Wich, Beryl Kaufman, Jack Berg, Thomas Ginis, Ralph Sather

Staff: Economic and Community Development Director Edward Lavernoich

Mr. Wich called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM. He noted that the Commission held an informal workshop beginning at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the status of various ECDC initiatives until a quorum could be reached.

Mr. Wich raised an issue concerning the minutes from the prior month. A version of the minutes that had not been reviewed by Mr. Lavernoich or Mr. Pisinski, who had chaired the meeting, had been posted. Mr. Lavernoich had subsequently prepared a revised set of minutes, which Mr. Pisinski had reviewed and approved. Mr. Wich suggested that the Commission may want to consider a motion to amend the minutes from the prior month to reflect the minutes as drafted by Mr. Lavernoich and approved by Mr. Pisinski. Mr. Berg made a motion to amend the May 1, 2013 meeting minutes to reflect the version drafted by Mr. Lavernoich. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaufman. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Wich discussed the success of the annual business appreciation breakfast and thanked Ms. Kaufman and Ms. Zamary for their efforts in chairing the event. Mr. Wich noted that some Commissioners suggested that additional networking events be considered by the Commission, possibly in conjunction with the Trumbull Chamber of Commerce. The Commission will look into these possibilities.

Mr. Wich also noted that, with the passing of Jim Abraham, the Commission membership was down to eight members and that he had asked Mr. Lavernoich to speak with the First Selectman's office to ensure that attention was paid to filling the vacant seat. Mr. Lavernoich stated that he has been in contact with the First Selectman's office and that they are looking into a replacement.

Mr. Wich noted that, during the informal workshop, Mr. Lavernoich reviewed his Director's report (copy attached) and updated the Commission on the Town Council's approval of the C-PACE program and community interest in same. He also reviewed the successes of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors Event, updated the Commission on the Business in Bloom nominations and awards and explained the expected timeline

for P&Z review of the POCD. Mr. Lavernoich also discussed options for the Town's advertising in print media.

The Commission discussed the planned database program and efforts to recruit an intern to assist in compiling needed information. Mr. Ginis stated that he has been in touch with a local professor and will be working to bring in a recruit this Fall.

Mr. Lavernoich noted successful efforts between the Town and Unilever to address their traffic and pedestrian safety concerns.

Mr. Wich stated that he would circulate possible dates to reschedule the Commission's July meeting since it is set for July 3, the day before Independence Day.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.