

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES January 28, 2009

Present:

Commissioners: Susan Ashelford, John DePalma, Tessa Marquis, Susan Patrick, Cyrus Settineri, Genevieve Salvatore and Robert Stanton.

Advisors: Kathleen Alagno and Robert Gregory

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Robert Gregory at 8:35 a.m.
- II. Introduction of Members - Members of the Commission introduced themselves.
- III. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Gregory called for nominations.

Mr. Settineri was nominated by Mr. DePalma.

Ms. Marquis was nominated by Ms. Patrick.

Ms. Salvatore was nominated by Mr. Settineri.

All nominations were seconded.

Each candidate gave a short presentation on what they would do as chair. After discussion, Mr. Settineri withdrew his name from consideration. A secret ballot was conducted and Ms. Salvatore was elected Chair by a vote of 4-3. Ms. Salvatore assumed the Chair of the meeting.

- IV. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Ms. Marquis was nominated and seconded for Vice Chair. There being no other nominations, Ms. Marquis was elected unanimously as Vice Chair.

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of November 26, 2008, were approved as submitted.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the newly appointed Commissioners from the Mayor were submitted for the record.

The Commission decided to send letters of appreciation to former Commissioners Ken Brannin and Peter Spalthoff and request that the Mayor issue a proclamation to Robert Kapusta for his leadership and many years of service.

VII. MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Gregory presented the report and discussion was held regarding the report. The Commission requested that renovation and commercial building permits be included in the statistics.

VIII. TIME AND FORMAT OF MEETING

The Commission decided to have the time of the meeting to be at 8 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month. It was also decided when the Commission has guest speakers they should be first on the agenda.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

The Commission agreed to come to the next meeting with projects that could be undertaken. Possible areas of focus discussed were anti-blight regulations, regionalization, strategic planning, improving the permit process, cost savings for the City, business incentives, the economy and its local affect.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert B. Gregory