

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES of the Meeting of May 25, 2011**

Present: Commissioners: Cyrus Settineri, John DePalma, Robert Kapusta, Susan Patrick, Genevieve Salvatore and Robert Stanton

Advisors: Kathleen Alagno and Robert Gregory

Press: Brian McCready, New Haven Register

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12 noon.
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. The minutes of April 27, 2011 were approved as presented.
- IV. Communications – None
- V. Economic Development Report

Mr. Gregory reported on Northeast Medical Group and Nonna's Pizza occupying the former Vazzy's location. He noted that Milford's unemployment rate was slightly lower for the month of May.

### VI. Committee Reports

#### A. Brokers Showcase

Discussion was held regarding an event in the fall. Locations discussed were Hilton Garden Inn, Showmotion, CT Limo, Milford Yacht Club, City Hall, 500 Bic Drive, and the Great River Golf Course. The Governor as speaker was discussed with alternatives Rep. DeLauro or Senator Blumenthal.

Also discussed was having an event at Platt Vo-Tech School to highlight the importance of this program and invite the Governor. A motion was made and seconded to have Gene LaPorta, Platt Tech principal, invited to the next EDC meeting.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Business Visitation – No Report

C. Business Survey – No Report

D. Plan of Conservation and Development

It was reported that Alan Platus, Yale School of Urban Design, has been hired by MPI and the Planning and Zoning Board to address a number of issues including downtown. Input on the plan can be funneled through this process.

E. Economic Development Plan – No Report

## VII. Old Business

Mr. Settineri said that Avalon wanted to discuss with EDC a change from condos approval to apartments on Wolf Harbor Road. The Commission felt that it was not an issue they wanted to deal with.

Ms. Salvatore brought up the concern with foreclosures. Mr. Gregory said that there is a program in the works called ROOF. He will send the commission details of the program.

Ms. Patrick said she would update the Commission on the anti-blight program at the next meeting.

Mr. Stanton asked Commission members to submit recommendations for the “180 degree” award.

## VIII. New Business

Mr. DePalma expressed concern and said that the real unemployment rate in the country was 17%.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert B. Gregory