

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES of the Meeting of August 22, 2012

(REVISED)

Present: Commissioners: Cyrus Settineri, Susan Patrick, John DePalma, Robert Stanton and John O'Neil
Bryan Anderson, Aldermanic Liaison
Steve Fournier, Assistant to the Mayor
Absent: Robert Kapusta, Victor Ferrante, Kathy Alagno and Robert Gregory

- I. Chairman Settineri called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
- II. The minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2012 were approved as presented.

III. Public Comments – None

IV. Economic Development Activity

The Chair noted that Durham Bus is moving its Connecticut operation to the former Connecticut Limo site on Old Gate Lane.

V. Correspondence – None

VI. Committee Reports

A. Brokers Showcase

Discussion was held about possible locations, speakers and dates. Speakers mentioned included Dan Patrick, Donald Trump, Bob Scinto, John Ceruzzi, and the governor. April will be targeted. A luncheon meeting was discussed. Audience would be expanded to include bankers, developers, and contractors.

VII. Old Business

The Chair received an outline of the Film Festival from Jim Amann. There will be a meeting coming up soon.

VIII. New Business

Discussion was held on the situation downtown.

Alderman Anderson wanted members to keep in mind that restaurant owners downtown, who advertise and schedule musical events where alcohol is served, have the primary responsibility to make certain that their patrons are held responsible within and outside of their establishments. Police enforcement activities, in his view, should not be the first-line response of behavior modification.

Anderson also provided information about the POCD hearing held the previous night, and urged members to provide testimony on development plans outlined in the plan on the night of the third and final hearing held on September 4, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Gregory