

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES of the Meeting of August 24, 2011

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

Absent: Commissioner John O'Neil

Advisors: Kathleen Alagno and Robert Gregory

Press: Frank Juliano, CT Post; Denise Buffa, Patch.com

- I. Chairman Settineri called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. Minutes – The minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2011, were approved as presented with Commissioner Salvatore abstaining. Discussion was held on Mr. Kapusta's motion to send a letter to the Governor regarding the state technical schools. Mr. Kapusta will send the letter.
- IV. Economic Development Activity – Mr. Gregory presented the enclosed report.
- V. Correspondence - The Chairman noted the letters sent to Milford Bank and Lou D'Amato.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Brokers Showcase

Discussion was held on the availability of speakers. It was agreed to hold the week of October 18-21. It was noted that Milford Bank had contributed \$500. Commissioner Salvatore offered to contribute \$500 to the event.
 - B. Building and Land Use

Chairman Settineri said that he had heard both positive and negative comments about the process.
 - C. Business Visitation – No Report

D. Plan of Conservation and Development

Commissioner Patrick said that she would have a proposal by September's meeting for the members to review. It would focus on tourism, anti-blight, economic development in Devon and Walnut Beach. Discussion was held.

Ms. Salvatore said there needed to be connections, signage and pathways, to the various sites downtown. Mr. DePalma said that Fowler Field should be developed with ball fields moved to Eisenhower Park. Ms. Alagno noted that there would be a series of planning meetings with Allan Platus. Harrison's, cinema site, parking and traffic patterns have been identified as areas of concern.

E. Economic Development Plan – No Report

F. Anti-Blight Program – No Report

VII. Old Business

A. Mayoral Candidates Forum

Chairman Settineri said that Bob Joy and Ben Blake have both agreed to attend. Mr. Kapusta will be moderator. Each candidate will be given 4 minutes to present their economic development plan and respond to questions followed by a 2-minute summation. Commissioners were urged to send questions to the Chair.

B. Rules of Procedure

Mr. Kapusta made a motion to limit the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair. The wording shall read: "No officer shall be eligible to more than two one-year consecutive terms in office". Mr. Stanton seconded the motion.

APPROVED 4 In Favor, Mr. Settineri abstained

Discussion was held on an attendance clause.

A motion was made and seconded to consider recommending to the Board of Aldermen that if a Commissioner missed 3 consecutive meetings or 4 in a year they be removed.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. ROOF – Mr. Gregory said that this organization has begun to help people who face foreclosure.

VIII. New Business

- A. Chairman Settineri announced that the New Haven Symphony would be playing in Milford on October 2nd.
- B. Mr. Gregory noted that Milford's September 11th Remembrance would take place on 9-11-11 at 5 p.m.
- C. Mr. Stanton requested an excuse for September's meeting, as he will be out of town.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert B. Gregory