

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES of the Meeting of June 27, 2018

Present

Commissioners: Michael Lynch, Chairman; Greg Harla, Vice Chairman;  
Jennifer Clinton; Ani Chaghatzbanian; Michael Crowley; Albert Franke

Advisors: Julie Nash; Paige Miglio; Gary Mullin

Also present: Joseph Griffith

Absent: John DePalma

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 30, 2018 MEETING

Vice Chairman Harla and Ms Clinton made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of May 30, 2018. Unanimously approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Chairman Lynch welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, Al Franke. Mr. Franke spoke about his background as a real estate appraiser and his service on various committees and at community events.

Chairman Lynch made a motion to cancel July's meeting. Ms Clinton seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Director Nash reported on new businesses in Milford and meeting with Spinnaker; they are in favor of retail pop-up shops at Milford harbor. She also announced Harbor Brew Fest event on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

VII. STANDING ITEMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DOWNTOWN UPDATE

Director Nash announced the RFQ for River/High Street property was awarded to MetroStar.

B. CHAMBER

Mr. Mullin reported on the ribbon cutting at Bonfire Grill; Golf Classic July 16<sup>th</sup>; and State of the City on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

C. PERMIT & LAND USE

Mr. Griffith reported on their improved processes and commented on electronic solar permits. He discussed the interface between Building Department and FEMA regarding floodplain regulations and effects on building codes and zoning regulations. His office is also working on improving scores for the community rating system. A discussion ensued on emergency preparedness.

D. VISITATION REPORTS – None

E. TOURISM

Ms Miglio reported on Walnut Beach activities. Milford Arts Council is updating their website and marketing efforts. She is also seeking grants to fund various projects that support and promote arts across the city. A discussion ensued on kiosks and downtown maps.

VIII. MILFORD MARKETING – None

IX. EDC PROJECT DISCUSSION

A. PROJECT LIST

Director Nash spoke about the Welcome bags for boaters with discounts at restaurant, shops and hotels. A discussion ensued on seeking sponsorships for walking map to offset printing costs.

X. OLD BUSINESS – None

XI. NEW BUSINESS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m. A motion was unanimously carried to finalize the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Diamond  
Recorder