

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of November 17th, 2021

A virtual/telephonic meeting will be held via Zoom as the result of publicly declared Covid-19 state emergency necessitating remote meetings.

Commissioners Present: Ani Chaghatzbanian, Chairman; Michael Crowley; Michael Lynch; Jessica Stram; Emily Lucibello; Peter Cozzolino, Win Smith III,

Advisors present: Julie Nash

Also present: Cassandra Schull, Makayla Silva

Absent: Paige Miglio, Michael Moses

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – CHAGHATZBANIAN
Chairman Chaghatzbanian called the meeting to order at 12:04pm
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS, 2021 MEETING
Chairman Chaghatzbanian asked if we should make a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Cozzolino made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of previous 2021 meeting. Unanimously approved.
- III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS – CHAGHATZBANIAN
Chairman Chaghatzbanian welcomed everyone to the meeting. Discussion on Love Local February initiative began - Chairman Chaghatzbanian mentioned the initiative, the purpose to promote individuals visiting Milford to in-turn win one of multiple gift cards collected by M. Crowley, M. Lynch and team. Group discussion on logistics (when/how/number of gift certificates collected and how they will be disbursed).
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
- V. MILFORD CARES ACT GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW
Julie Nash mentioned no grants for review at this time.
- VI. EDC PROJECT DISCUSSION – CHAGHATZBANIAN
Chairman Chaghatzbanian reiterated the importance of hosting EDC events and having more of a presence in Milford. More brief discussion on Love Local initiative. Wrap up discussion of business QR codes project.
- A. EDC BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SURVEY – n/a
- VII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY – NASH
Director Nash reviewed upcoming events and unemployment numbers citing the “great resignation” but mentioned the growth the city has seen from manufacturers and multi-use spaces.
- VIII. STANDING ITEMS & COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. TOURISM – MIGLIO
Chairman Chaghatzbanian guided the group in discussion about upcoming tourism events and happenings locally.
 - B. CHAMBER – No discussion
 - C. PERMIT & LAND USE – None.
 - D. VISITATION REPORTS – ALL
- IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.
- X. NEW BUSINESS – Previously discussed.

Lynch made motion to adjourn, motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING, 4TH WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26, 2022 WILL BE IN PERSON AT PARSONS GOVERNMENT CENTER.