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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, January 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 4:03pm on the 9th floor in the Urban Redevelopment Commission Conference Room, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Winkel called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mark Diamond, Stephen Fischer, James Huerta and Jonathan Winkel

Staff: Thomas Madden-Director Economic Development, John Varamo-Economic Development Analyst, Dr. Tommie Jackson Assistant Director-URC, Theresa Bowen, Office Manager-URC.

Guest(s): Humberto Rocha

3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2019

Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2019. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Diamond and second by Commissioner Fischer. Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Chairperson Report

- a. Chairman Status Update (Ethics Committee Hearing-Dec 18)
Chairman Winkel reported that he received the same report as last time and will the Ethics Board will issue a written statement. ,

5. Director's Report

Mr. Madden stated that the Q4 Report will be released shortly and that a new report format for 2020 will be done. He stated that a new announcement for 677 Washington regarding a new tenant is coming in the next few days. Mr. Madden provided the Commissioners with updates on Stamford NEXT projects, Stamford Partnership projects, Arts & Culture projects such as a Strategic Plan. He stated for the Economic Development Budget that the Commissioners can recommend potential projects. Mr. Madden updated the Commissioners about the 5G project

being managed by the Land Use Department. Lastly, he invited the Commissioners to the State & Commerce Committee being held on Thursday, January 23.

6. Commission Business

Mr. Madden would like the Commissioners to think about potential programs/projects for small businesses such as Disaster Recovery, Shipping, and Insurance.

Chairman Winkel stated that he would like to see proactive communications regarding Economic Development.

7. Old Business

a. Research-University Zone Update- J.Varamo

Mr. Varamo reviewed highlights of the UCONN draft strategic plan as reported by CT Post for the Commissioners. He's working on obtaining more data from UCONN. Chairman Winkel suggested that Mr. Varamo invite UCONN to a future meeting.

Agenda format discussion

Chairman Winkel requested that Project Overview be added to the Directors' Report.

8. New Business

a. Next Meeting

- i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
- ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs., February 13, 2019)

Commissioner Fischer stated he would be absent for the February 13, meeting.

Mr. Madden introduced Intern Sarah Van der Graff and projects that she was working on such as the Data Book that will be added to the Choose Stamford website.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Winkel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:42pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer with second from Commissioner Diamond. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



James "Jim" Huerta,
Secretary-Economic Development Commission