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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, May 14, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 4:05pm 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 4:05pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jonathan Winkel, Stephen Fischer, and James Huerta
Mark Diamond joined at 4:17pm.

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

3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2020

Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2020. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Fischer and second by Commissioner Huerta. Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Chairperson Report

Chairman Winkel gave an update on Covid -19 response and recovery from the Stamford Partnership. He updated the Commissioners on the Covid-19 Community Support Fund, Dining Bonds Program and support where needed.

Mark Diamond joined the meeting at 4:17pm.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Madden provided an update on COVID-19 preparedness & recovery plan. He gave highlights from the Reopening Plan for May 20 which includes non-essential businesses, retail, hairdressers, museums and zoos as well as restaurants for outdoor dining. Draft Reopening Guidelines will be ready for distribution to the Commission tomorrow.

Lastly, he there has been an uptick in interest from NYC Companies in opening additional office space in Stamford. Residential rental occupancy is on the rise along with house sales in North Stamford.

6. Old Business

- a. Research-University Zone Update- J. Varamo-
No Update
- b. Potential 5th Commissioner
Chairman Winkel asked Mr. Madden for an update on a potential 5th Commissioner. Mr. Madden stated that there has been no progress on adding the 5th Commissioner.

7. New Business

- a. Next Meeting
 - i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
 - ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs. June 11, 2020)

Chairman Winkel requested that the 5th Commissioner be added to Old Business on the next agenda as well as Mr. Madden's request to add the Recovery Plan Programing.

Commissioner Diamond requested Mr. Madden to update the Commissioners on the webinars that he has been hosting. Mr. Madden provided highlights of webinars held.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Winkel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:28pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond with second from Commissioner Huerta. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



James "Jim" Huerta,
Secretary-Economic Development Commission