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Director of Economic  
Development



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**CITY OF STAMFORD**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut**  
**Regular Meeting- Thursday, June 11, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 4pm via Zoom Meeting 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 4pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Jonathan Winkel, Stephen Fischer, and Mark Diamond  
James Huerta joined at 4:24pm.

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 May 14, 2020**

Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2020. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Fischer and second by Commissioner Diamond. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

**4. Chairperson Report**

Chairman Winkel advised the Commissioner that there were no new requests or opinions received. He did state that the City is doing an excellent job on Covid-19 response and recovery.

**5. Director's Report**

Mr. Madden stated the office has been busy fielding calls with new guidelines for restaurants. Also, with the Small Business Reopening Plan, including putting together task force from different industries. He reviewed the details of StrEATeries and all the different City departments involved with working together with the DSSD to have this happen. Lastly, he stated the service industries such as hair and nail salons are due to reopen and have updated health inspections.

Dr. Jackson expressed his concern about the lack of diversity especially with the Covid-19 Task Force. Chairman Winkel responded from an Economic Development perspective that the City's response was on point. Mr. Madden discussed the different Communities being included with Economic recovery. Dr. Jackson encourage that more has to be done. Chairman Winkel requested that Dr. Jackson submit a request for an opinion from the EDC for discussion and review at the next meeting. Chairman Winkel stated a motion was needed to create an opinion to be submitted to the Mayor. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond with second from Commissioner Fischer. During discussion, the Commissioner Fischer requested that Dr. Jackson submit a formal written request. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Diamond, Yea, Commissioner Fischer, Yea and Chairman Winkel Yea.

#### **Commissioner Huerta joined at 4:24pm**

#### **6. Old Business**

- a. Research-University Zone Update- J. Varamo-  
No update.
- b. Potential 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioner-  
Mr. Madden stated there was no update.
- c. Recovery Plan Programming-  
Mr. Madden stated this was covered earlier in his report.

#### **7. New Business**

- a. Next Meeting
  - i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
  - ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs. August 13, 2020)

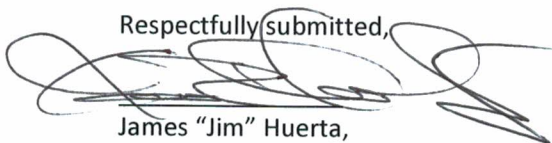
#### **8. Public Comment**

None.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Chairman Winkel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond with second from Commissioner Fischer. Chairman Winkel did a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



James "Jim" Huerta,  
Secretary-Economic Development Commission