

MINUTES

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MADDEN ROOM
SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN HALL**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2017
TIME: 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Louise Neary, John Mitchell, James Murray, Alternate David Marsh, William Jodice, Joseph Kennedy, Susan Burnham, Alternate David Starr, Edwina Futtner, Dwight Johnson, Linda Jeski

ABSENT: Wayne Kilburn, Alternate Shaliesh Verma, Chairperson Paul Burnham

1. Call Meeting to Order: Vice Chairperson Louise Neary called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

2. Roll Call: Commissioner S. Burnham introduced the above-mentioned members.

3. Public Participation: None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Special Meeting on 04/05/2017: A **motion** was made by Commissioner S. Burnham and **seconded** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of April 5, 2017 and was ***approved by majority. Motion passed.*** Commissioners Neary and Starr abstain.

5. Old Business

Update regarding mayor.tv website: Commissioner Neary reported that the Town Manager will be reaching out to webmaster Drew Guild to add a link to CERC's SiteFinder. Mr. Galligan is also reviewing the mayor.tv contract with the town attorney and will update the commission at the June meeting.

Commissioner Marsh commented that discussions are still on-going regarding the possibility of having an intern to assist the commission in the upcoming year.

6. Committee Report

Discover South Windsor - Report from Louise Neary and Sue Burnham: Commissioner S. Burnham stated that the Chamber staff has been handling the website including selling memberships and keeping it up to date. There has not been a meeting in quite some time. Discover South Windsor was a member of the Central Regional Tourism District which produced a yearly tourism catalog with wide circulation. The Central Regional Tourism District funding has been lost and if it is not restored the group will most likely become defunct.

7. New Business: None.

8. Communications and Remarks

Report from Paul Burnham, Chairperson: Commissioner Neary shared that Chairperson P. Burnham would like commissioners to review the pamphlets handed out at a recent meeting

and be prepared to discuss them at the June meeting. In addition, Michelle Lipe will be at the June meeting to discuss a request from a developer to cut down (subdivide) a lot along Sullivan Avenue/Rye Street to make it more attractive for potential buyers.

Commissioner Starr asked what is going in to the building adjacent to Panera on the right-hand side but commissioners did not know.

Commissioner Mitchell reported that the site where the spa was located has been sold for \$1.8 million and that a medical office building will be occupying the space in the future.

9. General Discussion

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Madden Room.

Commissioner Mitchell announced that Bunny Shepard passed away today.

Commissioner Mitchell commented that the South Windsor garden club attracts people to town with their beautiful gardens.

Commissioner Neary asked if anyone has seen the new apartments and Commissioner Johnson replied that there are pictures available online.

Commissioner Starr asked if the project near the old schoolhouse is moving forward, formerly owned by Dick Kelly, but commissioners were not sure.

Commissioner Futtner asked about the status of the mission statement and Commissioner Marsh replied that it has been approved and is now up on the EDC website.

Commissioner Neary reminded commissioners that the Board and Commission Recognition Event will be held on Friday, June 23 at Nomads from 6-9pm. Commissioners should respond to Ashley Booth if they plan on attending.

Commissioner Mitchell was invited to an event of the Greater Hartford Metro Alliance held at the new Dunkin Park and found it to be a beautiful facility and hopes that it will mean something to the region. Commissioner Neary stated that Bear's Smokehouse is one of the restaurants at the park and that another space has restaurants that rotate through on a regular schedule.

Commissioner S. Burnham reported that the Village at Buckland now has meeting space available to the public.

Commissioner Mitchell informed commissioners that Carla of Carla's Pasta is being honored at the Celebrating Women's Leadership on Thursday, June 1 and it's open to the public.

10. Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeski and **seconded** by Commissioner Kennedy to adjourn at 7:57p.m. and was ***unanimously approved***. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Potter
Clerk