

**Economic Development Commission
January 8, 2025
Third Floor Council Chambers – City Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - F. Brown; L. Perry; S. Williams; E. Slomba; D. St. Rose, A. Weinstein; (absent); Liaison, Ruby Melton

A Motion to accept the minutes with the necessary correction by S. Williams, Seconded by E. Slomba, and F. Brown.

Public

Katherine Herbert

Old Business –

Restaurant Week, April 2025

The Commission held a healthy dialogue regarding restaurant week. There were many ideas on how to move forward with restaurant week. Also, the Commission talked about what we could name it. Here are names that we came up with, i.e. Cultural Dining Week; International Dining; A Taste of Culture; A Taste of West Haven Cultural Foods; Showcase of a Diverse West Haven Community, or just simply Restaurant Week. It was discussed to create a QR code. S. Williams mentioned that everyone is not comfortable with using QR codes, for various reasons of fraud. We talked about having the people use the phrase “Miles of Shore and so Much More” to get the discount when they enter the restaurant. We decided the phrase was too long. The Commission decided we will ask the restaurants to keep track of the people who came in for the Restaurant week.

The Commission decided we will have everyone take on 10 restaurants and speak to the managers. We will let the managers know we are looking into having Restaurant Week in West Haven the week of April 4th – April 11th, 2025. We are looking for participants and to getting the word out.

Madame Chair asked everyone to email a list of the restaurants that they will be soliciting for restaurant week.

Information:

F. Brown said we need to select officers at the next meeting for the year.

D. St. Rose mentioned he typed up ideas and forgot to bring them. But he remembers one of his ideas was that the commission needs to reshape, reset and reimage for the new year. He feels the Commission needs to come up with goals. Madame Chair responded that we did that the year before and she feels we are on target with those goals.

K. Herbert and R. Melton will also ask restaurants to join the restaurant week and will forward an email to Madame Chair of restaurants they came up with.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM
Submitted by Scotti Williams