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March 11, 2020 Meeting
West Haven Economic Development Commission
Bimonthly Meeting Minutes, February 12th, 2020
5:15 PM City Hall, 355 Main St, West Haven, CT

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:25 By Chairman Christine Gallo

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees: Eleanor Slomba, Stefano Coletta, Lalani Perry, Scotti Williams, Christine Gallo, Ed Voss

Chairman called for a motion to adopt the minutes; it was moved to adopt the minutes by E. Voss, seconded by L. Perry motion carried

Public Input:

Chairman ask if there was any public input, Barry Cohen, 10th district, appointed liaison to the EDC, made a suggestion to invite Colleen O'Connor who served many years under Picard. He suggested the EDC can ask her to come and speak to the EDC about possibly setting up and conducting an Economic Summit, (which was done before). The EDC will invite local business owners to come out and learn about the city. Maybe host it for two days, invite surrounding cities, and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and tour the city. The EDC can barter and use the local businesses to bring the cost down, as well as work with surrounding businesses. He suggested Colleen O'Connor will be able to help us if it was something we were interested in doing. E. Voss suggested we will need the property market list for available areas.

Old Business:

Chairman Gallo, shared the books and information she received from the Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Fred Messorre; & Asst. Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Dave Killeen. Chairman Gallo talked about the book *Planned of Conservation*, which had information and include development of the signage in West Haven, (where they were placed) and the beautification committee.

Chairman Gallo and E. Slomba will be attending the CCM meeting that will be held in Newton, CT, 2/13/20, starting 9:00 AM, they will bring information back to the EDC

- E. Slomba, called phone numbers for some vacant properties locally to see if she would actually speak to someone. E. Slomba, said that there were pickups or someone called back.
- E. Voss said maybe we can market the vacant properties on the internet

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- Big project—get the bridge painted so it would look like the gateway to West Haven, and would attract people. Also, more lighting under the bridge. (the bridge on First Ave after the diner) E. Voss suggested the Chair should to get letter to the City Rep members to approach Metro North for monetary help
- Inventory of all the channels in West Haven

L. Perry will take on the branding for the city as we go forward with meetings. E. Voss will be in touch with the city reps. E. Slomba will talk to Savin Rock Screen Printing for banner/flags. We will like to include the new brand on all the flags. Also, we need to include the "Haven" in the conversation as we move forward, the developers are getting money from the city and the state, we want them to give back and be sponsors.

The Chair asked for a motion adjourn the meeting, the motion was made by S. Williams, seconded E. Voss the meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.