

Meeting: December 8, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: L. Perry; E. Slomba; C. Gallo; S

Williams

Absent: E. Voss

Previous minutes from July 21, 2021 were presented by Chair Gallo. The Chairman called for a motion to accept the minutes; the motion was made by Scotti Williams and seconded by Lalani Perry

No Public Input

Old business:

Chamber of Commerce, (COC) is inactive, Madam Chair was inquiring for a list of businesses to email

Lalani Perry asked if P&Z can provide the list or can we put the survey on the City of West Haven or the Voice website? Chairman Gallo said she would ask Planning and Zoning if they have a list. L. Perry asked if there was a timeline and C. Gallo said there was no timeline. E. Slomba said we should be able to pull this information together by spring. Once the survey goes out and we get completed results, we should plan a workshop together.

C. Gallo reported that Jed Hayes of 7-11 said the the sign should be available for approval soon. He will send Chris Soto the design plans for the sign.

Hidden Gems articles have been published in The Voice. The next article will be December 23rd.

New Business:

The EDC Is looking for small businesses on Main Street.

The EDC needs a budget and continues to request one.

Mr. Quagliani asked for notes from the EDC on the financial incentives proposal. E. Slomba said we need financial incentive programs for the area to get businesses in empty spaces. C. Gallo gave copies of the EDC notes to the city council.

It was discussed that NEBCO Brewery should change the color of their building; E. Slomba said they already agreed. The entry will be used as a museum. C. Gallo expressed concerns with this. E. Slomba made a motion that C. Gallo draft a memo for a solution to house the artifacts in a museum. The motion was seconded by L. Perry; motion was carried.

C. Gallo still looking to see push carts all the beach. E. Slomba says we need to get food carts or a coffee cart at the train station. It was asked that L. Perry ask the land trust about the push carts, as she is on the trust committee.

E. Slomba said there is still \$2,000.00 left from money set aside for art work.

She plans to approach the owner of Silver Pharmacy building to put murals on the windows. S Williams suggested that he should consider using the space for pop up businesses.

Board vacancies. The chair will follow up with the mayor's office, regarding Marilyn Wilkes. E. Slomba will reach out to another prospective member.

New Business:

CT Tourism - E. Slomba will follow up with the website and updating it per C. Gallo's discussion with CT Tourism at the recent Economic Summit in Hartford. This was ok'd by P&Z.

Need a website where start up businesses can go to get information on grants. Advance CT can help businesses that may be seeking money. C. Gallo will meet with Mr. Soto and report back to the EDC.

E. Slomba announced the architecture firms will be submitting plans for the art center downtown. The architects renewed the plans that were submitted years ago. She will get back to the committee.

C. Gallo brought up the possibility of an Audubon center on the site of the old Captain's Galley restaurant. She will look into it.

L. Perry suggested that we schedule our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

L. Perry made a motion the meeting adjourn at 7:35, it was seconded by E Slomba. Motion carried.

Submitted by Scotti Williams