

West Haven Economic Development Commission

Bimonthly Meeting, January 29th, 2020

5:15 PM City Hall

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Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:24 By Chairman Christine Gallo

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions of Commission members, (sharing a brief background):

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

Chairman called for a motion to adopt the minutes; it was moved to adopt the minutes by L. Perry and seconded by S. Williams and S. Coletta

Chairman ask if there was any public input, there was no public input

Chairman asked if there was any old business to discuss, there was no old business

Special guest: Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Fred Messore; Asst. Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Dave Killeen

Chairman opened the meeting by introducing the invited guests who were to provide us with an update on the projects that the city is working on.

Both men introduced themselves to the committee and shared their responsibilities and goals for the city. Fred shared a wealth of information. Dave passed out very vital informational sheets and assisted in the updated information as needed. The information they shared gave the EDC options of how to move forward and in what direction that the EDC should consider moving forward.

P&ZC submitted a proposed budget to the counsel to include:

- \$50,000.00 budget to the City of WH for a bicycle and pedestrian lane
- Develop the area around the train station
- To do more development for downtown West Haven
- Stop and Shop owns the old tire building, there are tenants in the building, they are paying taxes to the city, but the city would love to see something new to be done with the building
- Dave said that one thing his committee would like to see more marketing done for the city, maybe that's something the committee could look into doing
- The city can't do much with the empty buildings, the city is not a Real Estate Agent
- The city will focus on small successes, Dave and Fred believes this will turn into bigger projects for the city of WH

- The city is recognized as a stable community
- Dave suggested it would be nice if the EDC would consider helping with branding and signage for the city; i.e "Welcome to the City of West Haven", beautification, clean up garbage around the city, look for sponsors to adopt a sign, (to help offset the cost) the city does not have money for this. (if we place signs on DOT property we will need permission from the DOT)
- Presenting updates to the community on a updated website
- Fred would like to see a "deep water boat launch" the city of WH is on the water, he feels it's needed and it makes sense
- He suggested to google West Haven GIS, you can learn about the city and your personal property
- Fred was able to use some money left over from his budget last year and partner with other departments at city hall to purchase and upgrade technology, now the city is billed to one department; the finance department instead of each department receiving a bill

Projects Approved

1. The Haven Project
2. Yale Medical Regional Operation Center
3. Parkview Mixed Use, 1 Cellini Place
4. 52 Richards Place, 741 Washington Ave., and 8 North Union Ave, (redevelopment of WH Lumber)
5. 8 Ashburton Pl. (16 Unit Inn)
6. 410 Campbell Ave., (relocation of Hill Health Community)
7. 502 Main Street, (relocation of a chiropractor office)
8. Boston Post Road, Cumberland Farms and gas station, (old Gold Medal Building)
9. 261 Platt Ave., (new gas station and convenient store)
10. Waterfront Restaurants, (New Riptide Restaurant and the Dive Bar expanded)

The EDC next meeting will be held, Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 5:15 PM City Hall

Chairman Christine called for a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was moved by S. Williams to adjourn at 8:00PM, seconded by S. Coletta