

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
August 9, 2021**

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A meeting of the Economic & Development Committee was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 via Zoom due to the Covid Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by the Vice-Chair, Dominique Baez.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dominique Baez, Vice-Chair; Justin Farmer; Betty Wetmore; Berita Rowe-Lewis; Marjorie Bonadies

MEMBERS ABSENT: Athena Gary, Chair; Valerie Horsley

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The following items were addressed:

1. Appointment of Shenae J. Draughn from an alternate to a full member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2024

-- Moved by Ms. Rowe-Lewis, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked the community for their service but said he won't be voting for any appointments until DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) is achieved. Ms. Rowe-Lewis thanked Ms. Draughn for stepping up and serving. Ms. Baez also thanked her for bringing her expertise to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 abstention (Farmer)

2. Appointment of Thomas Whitbread to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Commission for a term to expire March 31, 2023

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Bonadies and approved with 1 abstention (Farmer)

3. Order authorizing the Mayor to apply, accept and expend an additional allocation of funds and further substantially amend the Program Year 45 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

-- Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Ms. Wetmore. DISCUSSION: Deputy Chief of Staff Mr. Donnelly explained this is an additional \$360,000 through the CARES Act. Ms. Baez thanked them for funding some Keefe improvements. Ms. Bonadies asked if there were old capital dollars allocated to Keefe.

Finance Director Jackson said yes, \$125,000 in total. Ms. Bonadies said please make a succinct plan so we don't redo or undo work. Ms. Wetmore asked if they had to match the funds and Mr. Donnelly said no, it's HUD CDBG. Mr. Farmer asked what are the means for rental assistance and can we ensure a long term plan for the building so we can partner further. (These questions were forwarded to the Director via Donnelly)

A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

4. Order to approve property access agreement between the Town of Hamden and the Hamden Economic Development Corporation

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Baez. DISCUSSION: Attorney Ann Catino gave some background information on this item. Kyma Ganzer of La Rosa Building representing HEDC detailed the project and current status going out to bid Phase I. Ray Frigon of DEEP gave information on item 5 (related item) saying they have an agreement to stage at this location as a part of a plan to complete remediation. Mr. farmer asked if the trailer was accessible to the public and if it was covered by insurance in case of injury. Ms. Ganzer and Mr. Frigon said the trailer isn't accessible and that all contractors have insurance. Ms. Baez thanked them all for being here and to please give council outreach info for the latest phase.

A vote was taken on the item and it passed unanimously.

5. Order to approve property access agreement between the Town of Hamden and the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection – 560 Newhall Street

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Baez and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Dominique Baez, Vice-Chair