



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Hamden Government Center
2750 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, Connecticut 06518
Tel: (203) 287-4015
Fax: (203) 287-7075

Minutes: The Economic Development Commission, Town of Hamden, held a **Special Meeting** on **Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30pm** via Zoom.

Click the link below to view the recording:

[EDC SPECIAL MEETING NOV 15TH 2022](#)

Passcode to view:

?\$\$c8!z3

1. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Donald Moses, Executive Director Erik Johnson, Anthony Delgrego, Dashone Hughey, Anthony Sachetti, David DeNicola, Dan Smolnik, Kenneth Good

Citizens in Attendance: Susan Clark, Stocky Clark

2. Review of previous meeting minutes: Chairman Moses called a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes; Commissioner Good and Delgrego second the motion

3. Chairman Report

i) **EDC Infrastructure** – Chairman Moses spoke about the EDC's commitment to remaining vigilant in regard to being a competitive business location. Chairman Moses believes the most critical components of a strong EDC plan will be to focus on business retention and resource mapping. The reuse of obsolete or distressed properties is also imperative to making Hamden a town that businesses will want to develop in.

ii) Standing Committees – Chairman Moses would like to establish several standing committees that will enhance the town’s economic vitality and are led by current commissioners of the Economic Development Committee. These standing committees are business development, technology and government affairs. Moses made a motion to adopt the standing committee, seconded by Commissioner DeNicola and Delgrego. Chairman Moses has recommend Commissioner Good & Hughey to run the Technology commission, Commissioner Smolnik and Commissioner Rolnick have been approached to run the Government affairs commission. Chairman Moses, Commissioner DeNicola, and Commissioner Delgrego will run the Business Development committee

iii) Alliances - Chairman Moses has communicated with Planning & Zoning as well as Executive Director Johnson to establish what will be required to enhance the Economic Development Commission.

4. Executive Director Report

i) High Meadows Project Update – The Town of Hamden has put out a solicitation in search of owner’s representatives who will represent the town in the management of community engagement process and supporting the review of applications for property redevelopments. We received one respondent, Colliers, a global real estate advisory firm. The town is currently in the process of settling a contract with the firm

ii) CDBG proposal - (Community Development Block Grant) - Dixwell Ave facade and improvement. For the past three months, Director Johnson has been working with a team to address deficiencies in compliance with the Town’s CDB program. The town has put forth an amendment for (1) Spending of Covid funds, (2) Consolidating prior grant years; and (3) resubmitting 2022-23 CDBG program

iii) Community Investment Fund Application w/ Chamber of commerce – Mayor Garrett has asked Director Johnson to work on applying to the State’s community investment fund. This will be a hybrid program (grant or loan). The application will be discussed more in December’s meeting

5. Old Business

EDC Resolution: Chairman Moses inquired about a motion to move forward with adopting the resolution. Commissioner Anthony Sacchetti voted in favor of moving forward, Commissioner Hughey seconded the motion. In reference to a committee being formed to prepare the report, Chairman Moses made a motion for the committee to consist of 3 commissioners and the Chair be made to present the report annually. Commissioners David DeNicola and Anthony Sachetti seconded the motion. Commissioner Smolnik opposed the motion. A roll call vote was taken for the motion; Commissioner DeNicola motioned to table the matter for a future meeting, in which a unanimous vote was made to table it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm