

MINUTES-NOT YET APPROVED

Members Present:	D. Fecho, S. Ferrigno, M. Hirschorn, A. McPherson, J. Richard, L. Watson
Members Absent:	C. Chukwuogor
Ex-Officio Members Present:	P. Shapiro
Staff Present:	C. van Zelm, L. Painter

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ferrigno called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

McPherson MOVED, Watson seconded, approval of the 9/26/2019 EDC Minutes and 9/30/2019 Special Meeting minutes as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Updates from Subcommittees

Representatives from each subcommittee (Business Outreach, Commission Governance and Bylaws, Opportunity Zone Support, Zoning Regulation Review, and UConn Collaboration) provided an update on their first meeting and planned activities (reflected in the updated 2019-2020 Workplan Priorities document).

Draft Proposal for Commercial District in Southern Mansfield

C. van Zelm noted that the Town Council has authorized \$25,000 for additional economic development activities in Southern Mansfield. As noted under committee updates, the Business Outreach committee will canvass businesses in southern Mansfield to get feedback on the type of assistance needed.

Small Business Saturday (November 30, 2019)

Richard encouraged members to support local businesses on Small Business Saturday by checking in to see how their day is going. Van Zelm noted that information is being added to the Town's website in advance of the event. Ferrigno encouraged members to spread the word and encourage friends and family to also support local businesses that day.

EDC BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Watson MOVED, Richard seconded, nomination of Steve Ferrigno as Chair. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard MOVED, Hirschorn seconded, nomination of Adrienne McPherson as Vice Chair. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

McPherson MOVED, Fecho seconded, nomination of Richard as Secretary. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

EDC and Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

Richard MOVED, Watson seconded, approval of the 2020 meeting schedule of the EDC and its subcommittees as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

EDC Calendar

Members requested that Small Business Saturday be added to the EDC agenda item calendar for August 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Updates

Shapiro noted that this is his last meeting as he is retiring from the Council. Members thanked him for his service.

Staff Updates

- Painter reviewed the Town's new paperless meeting software and noted that only paper agendas would be provided at future meetings. Laptops will be provided unless members indicate that they will bring their own devices.
- Painter noted that the PZC has initiated two changes to the zoning regulations related to owner occupancy of two-family and efficiency dwellings and parking for parks and preserves.
- Van Zelm noted that there are two vacancies on the Commission and asked EDC members to promote the opportunity to acquaintances.

Business Openings/Closings

Painter noted that applications had been received related to the Spring Hill Inn (additional guest rooms) and Old Navy (located in the former Quester's Way space at East Brook Mall).

Housing Changes

Painter noted a pending wetlands application for a multi-family development at Four Corners and an amendment to the Zoning Regulations to allow for 8-30g housing developments within the vicinity of the intersection of Maple and Separatist Roads.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development