



MINUTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

February 20, 2020
7:00 PM – Thompsonville Room
Enfield Town Hall

- A. Call to Order 7:04
- B. Roll Call **Chairman Majmudar, Marie Pyznar, Mary Ann Turner, Rich Szewczak, Kelly Hemmler, Marilynn Cressotti; Gretchen Pfeiffer Hall** arrived about 6 minutes late. Also present **Dir. Dev. Services Laurie Whitten (staff)**
- C. Approval of Minutes – **December 19, 2019 Approved as modified - unanimous**
- D. Report from Development Services: **Staff commented on the 0% increase budget that was requested; She applied for funding to pay for a Recording Secretary for the EDC.**
- E. Liaison Reports – **discussed with old business**
- F. Old Business
 - a. TOD (Transit Oriented Development) **Staff announced that the TOE was waiting for the Governor to announce funding for the station or platform.**
 - b. TIF (Tax Increment Financing) **Staff explained the TIF original assessment values will need to be updated due to court ordered reduction of the value of the mall properties and a few others.**
 - c. Development Process & Policies **Staff explained that she is looking into re-organization of the Planning Department regarding space. One thought was to move planning to development services /town engineer area, and have the 2 engineers move to planning. One great hurdle was the moving of the engineering flat files which are extremely heavy.**
 - d. Outreach & Education – **discussion item to be removed from agenda**
 - e. EDC By-laws – **The Commission read through the proposed bilaws and made some minor changes**
 - f. CERC Workshop – Comments – **The Commission is still seeking to obtain the Workshop presentation from CERC**
- G. Discussion Items
 - Enfield Square Mall – **Staff explained that NAMDAR had recently hired a Development and Government Relations person. She had heard about a potential outbuilding , and a large box retail that might go where the Macy's woman's store was. A meeting with the new Director of Development had not yet been set.**

- Higgins Park update – **The TOE is leasing the gym on a monthly basis m, and considering purchasing the Santandar bank building adjacent to the Town Hall**

H. New Business

- a. Marketing Team **Commissioner Turner announced that the Snowman project was on hold as the Mayor would like the EDC to focus on bringing trolleys to Enfield for the Spring , Summer and Fall. She then suggested that Historian Bill Hosley should be invited during a regular EDC meeting to give a talk on Tourism, Historic properties, trolleys and Economic Development. All Commissions and the public should be invited. Assuming Mr. Hosley agrees, the event could take place on March 19, 2020.**
- b. **Added – Discussion on POCD and Zoning Regulation update. Discussion among the members ensued stating in part that the new POCD needs to be easier to read, and maintained, and the public should be a welcomed partner in the process, which was not how the last process was approached.**
- c. **Added – Agricultural Summit – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall announce the summit with the Director of CT Farm Bureau Joan Nichols as the keynote speaker to be held Feb 29, 2020 at Asnuntuck Community College 8:30-1:30.**
- d. **Added – Discussion of a tree replacement program to replace the street trees that have been removed with the road construction projects. It was suggested that the replacement should be part of the bid package.**

I. Public Comment - **none**

J. Adjournment **8:45**