

Minutes of the Hamden Economic Development Commission
August 14, 2012

Present: T. Sacchetti, Chairperson, B. Zambrano, S. Borrelli, S. Rolnick

Not Present: D. DeNicola, N. Schatz, S. Diaz, A. Inzero, D. Moses, D. Giannini, T. DelGrego

Also Present: D. Kroop, G. Vasil, K. McDonald, North Haven resident

Due to the lack of a quorum an informal meeting was held.

The following items were discussed:

- Marketing: Our website is now linked to facebook and Websolutions linked us into Google for different languages. S. Borrelli asked if we can utilize Spanish American Merchant Assoc. (SAMA) to market ourselves. Dale stated that we can.
- Kristen Daniels our Fellow from Quinnipiac University consolidated all of our tax incentive information into a brochure that will be in English and Spanish.
- In the fall Richard Pearce will develop a pod-cast with information on the Business Assistance Center.
- Micro-loans: Legal Grounds will be making their final payment next month.
Lenox Builders is caught up to June, still owes July and August.
Clean Gear will payoff half of their matured loan the end of August and the remainder in September, which should make it easier for them to pay the other loan they have with us on time.
- Dale mentioned that all of the Commissioners are members of CEDAS and they can attend any of the events they have at membership rates. October 28-30 CEDAS in having their annual conference in Hartford this year, which they will be also celebrating their 50th anniversary. If any of the Commissioners would like to go the registration fee is not expensive.
- REX (formally RGP) has been very good to Hamden with Brownfield funds and Community Economic Developments Services (CEDS). CEDS funded the new Gallagher Road for the Hamden Business Park expansion. They will come to our October meeting to talk about The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- Dale asked the Commissioners if they would like to have other speakers. All present stated yes.
- Tri-Con closed on 400 Goodrich Street and will begin renovations over the next several months
- Days Inn has almost completed their project.
- Taylor Freezer moved to their new Welton Street location and will lease out 6000 square feet
- Moe's Southwest Grill is moving along
- J.W. Moving and Deric Currie Insurance were just approved by the Council
- Helping Hands were approved by the Commission a few months ago but was never sent to the Council because of the problems they were having with the pollutant at 2259 State Street. Dale stated that he is trying to revive the deal and they are moving forward with the purchase of the property.
- #1 Fish Market on State Street was approved for benefits many years ago but they never went forward with the project. He is finally going to Planning & Zoning and he should be approved and he then will reapply again.
- Edge Fitness should open in September
- Batteries Plus opened in the Tommy K's Plaza they carry any kind of battery you may need.

- A new frozen yogurt store will open soon in the Tommy K's Plaza.
- Harmony Kids Daycare was rejected by P & Z at the old Stone Academy site because of inadequate plans.
- A developer has submitted a mixed-use project at the old Chrysler site.
- Quinnipiac Bank will open their new building next spring.
- A film production company here in Hamden is looking to find a larger facility.
- Dale passed out a list of all of the brownfield sites in Hamden.
- Construction will start September 1st on the Hamden Incubator project. The roof and asbestos abatement will cost 250 thousand which will come from a federal grant and we are looking into other grants
- The corner of Mather and Dixwell could be a big mixed-use project. A developer will use the existing building and add a second floor.
- Shopping Center will have more medical facilities in the future.
- T. Sacchetti asked if there was any update with the NRZ. Dale stated that it will be considered after Labor Day.
- B. Zambrano asked what was going on with the proposed polo field near East Rock. A discussion ensued on the issue.