

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
July 12, 2021**

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A meeting of the Economic & Development Committee was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 via Zoom due to the Covid Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by the Vice-Chair, Dominique Baez.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Athena Gary, Chair; Betty Wetmore

The following items were addressed:

**1. Appointment of Coby Serfass to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire
January 31, 2026**

-- Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Ms. Horsley. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked the public for serving in particular in creating a plan for the Town. He then said he will not be approving any other appointments until DEI. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

**2. Reappointment of Michael Brooks to the Community Development Citizen Advisory
Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2024**

-- Moved by Ms. Rowe-Lewis, seconded by Ms. Horsley and approved unanimously.

**3. Order authorizing the first amendment to an agreement between the Town of Hamden
and Mutual Housing Association of South Central Connecticut, Inc.**

-- Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Economic Development Director Eric Johnson explained that this is an agreement between the Town and NeighborWorks New Horizon, AKA Mutual Housing, a long standing developer based in New Haven. This agreement was entered into six years ago and is set to expire July 22, 2021. This is a proposed short term amendment to the existing agreement until October 22. The purpose is three reasons: 1.They would like to get clarification on what has transpired on the site so as not to expose the Town to any unknown liability as they determine what lies next. 2. A conversation is needed about the viability of the current plan: specifically whether they can continue to use the current former Middle School Site. If it needs to be demolished, there is a series of issues around the consent order which need to be addressed.

3. To determine if they will continue in the relationship, what the terms would be, or if they exit the relationship be able to provide to Council what the next appropriate steps would be.

A roll call vote was taken and the item passed with 3 in favor (Bonadies) (Horsley) (Rowe-Lewis) and 2 opposed (Baez) (Farmer)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Dominique Baez, Vice-Chair