

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 17, 2007

Chairman Musante called to order the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:00 PM, Shelton Economic Development Corporation, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, CT 06484.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Fred Musante, Chairman
Fred Ruggio, Vice Chairman
Robert Burlison
Karen McGovern

Member Absent: Kate Marks

Also Present: James Ryan, President, Shelton Economic Development Corporation
Richard Widomski, Resident

MEETING ON TAPE, ON FILE, CITY/TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (1 TAPE)

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2007 REGULAR MEETING:

Commissioner Burlison moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 20, 2007. Commissioner Ruggio seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, with 1 abstention (R. Burlison). Motion carried.

2.0 REPORT OF JAMES RYAN, PRESIDENT, SEDC:

Mr. Ryan reviewed his presentation given to SEDC's Executive Committee earlier today. Chairman Musante commented that the reports and presentations being generated by SEDC are lucid, easy to understand and follow. Mr. Ryan responded that the board has invested in the right equipment. Mr. Ryan said there are revisions pending for Phase 1 of Commerce Park. There will be a zoning hearing on May 8 relative to housing and mixed use development on Phase 2 parcels. Mr. Ryan discussed the Canal Street projects and riverwalk extension. An aerial photograph of the Mas property was shown and discussion was held on future plans for extension of Constitution Boulevard and development. Mr. Ryan reported on Rep. Chris Shays' visit to SEDC to receive an update on our redevelopment program. Mr. Ryan said local sponsors have donated \$9,000 toward main event. He reminded commissioners that Royal Wells will be honored with the Good Scout Award in June.

3.0 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS:

3.1 COMMUNITY/BUSINESS NEWSLETTER

Chairman Musante reported that the newsletter is nearly complete. A meeting will be held with the artist on May 2. Through cooperation of the Art Department of the Shelton Public Schools, numerous entries from students of all grade levels commemorating the city's people and places will be featured. Parochial schools will also participate. We will devote as much space in the newsletter as is necessary to show the artwork.

Chairman Musante said we have been using the title "Shelton Life" for ten years. Attorney Tom Welch has been engaged to do a search of the title for copyright.

3.2 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman Musante stated that emphasis has been on completion of the newsletter. Then the focus will shift to the Annual Report. This project has been closely monitored and is under control. As the article develops on "Shelton Men and Women at War – Korea," it is extremely interesting in that it tells the stories of people of our city. Chairman Musante reported on discussion held with Marty Coughlin of the Shelton Historical Society about compiling war articles from our previous issues into a permanent record book. This might possibly be covered under a grant.

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3.3 FLAG DAY PICNIC – JUNE 15, 2007

Everything is in place; the invitations will go out shortly after the main event. The Coastal Chordsmen will entertain with quartet singing. The menu will consist of hotdogs and hamburgers, watermelon, etc.. The picnic is open to everyone.

3.4 MAIN EVENT

The main event will take place on Monday, May 7, from 5-7 p.m., at Brownson Country Club. Tommy John, former pitcher of NY Yankees and now manager of the Bluefish, will be the guest speaker. We may also have a popular “other visitor” as a surprise guest. With the sponsorship previously mentioned by Mr. Ryan, this portends to be an excellent event. Attendance will be limited to 175/180 people.

4.0 BUDGET REVIEW:

4.1 CURRENT BUDGET

Commissioner Ruggio reported there were no significant changes from last month. After encumbrances and outstanding bills, our adjusted balance is approximately \$27,350. It is a tight budget, but we are in good shape. Most of the items for the Annual Report have been encumbered. Discussion held on remaining expenses.

4.2 FY 2007/2008 BUDGET REQUEST

Commissioner Ruggio reported that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation made no adjustments to our request. Chairman Musante pointed out the \$1 for the Annual Report is to keep the line item open.

5.0 AREA PROJECTS:

5.1 VALLEY TRANSIT DISTRICT

Chairman Musante expressed optimism about the ability of the present management and leadership of VTD to turn the direction. The future looks positive.

5.2 LONG RANGE PLAN

As a member of the former committee, Chairman Musante discussed the need for the appointment of an overseer to monitor activities to ensure that the plan is being followed.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS:

No discussion.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

No discussion.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Ruggio moved to adjourn at 6:31 PM. Commissioner McGovern seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Diane Luther, Clerk
Economic Development Commission

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: 5/15/07

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007, AT 6:00 PM,
SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**