

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 21, 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  
Dr. Robert Burlison  
Kate Marks (arrived 6:08)

Member Absent: Karen McGovern (excused)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2007 REGULAR MEETING:**

*Commissioner Burlison moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 19, 2007. Commissioner Ruggio seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**REPORT OF JAMES RYAN, PRESIDENT, SEDC:**

Mr. Ryan was not in attendance.

**REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS:**

**Community/Business Newsletter**

Commissioners discussed the last issue and felt it was the best so far. There is a concern that not all residents receive copies and this will be investigated. The committee will meet on Thursday, August 23, to structure the next issue. Much of the work has been prepared. Ideas for future articles were discussed.

*(Note: Commissioner Marks arrived at 6:08)*

**Annual Report**

Chairman Musante commented that response to our publication from within the City and surrounding towns has been excellent.

**Flag Day Picnic**

Commissioners concurred that the music of the Coastal Chordsmen quartet was good but got lost at the event on June 15. Last year the same occurred when CDs of patriotic music were used. The New Haven Symphony brass ensemble prior to that was excellent but became too expensive. Recommendations are needed for next June's event.

**Main Event**

Plans are underway for another breakfast or luncheon. Aquarion will be approached as a possible sponsor. Commissioners were asked to submit recommendations for this event.

**BUDGET REVIEW:**

Commissioner Ruggio said our fiscal year 2006-2007 balance of \$8,204 will be returned to the City. The City's final numbers have not been received yet for comparison and he will check with Finance. So far, only \$123 was spent for this fiscal year. Commissioner Ruggio suggested purchase orders be issued for all of our expenditures as a better means of control.

**(Note: Side B – 6:45)**

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**AREA PROJECTS:**

**Valley Transit District**

Chairman Musante commented that VTD has made a remarkable turnaround under the direction of Mayor Lauretti. The State is viewing Valley Transit much more favorably.

**Long Range Plan**

Chairman Musante said the group has not met recently. He feels some of the things happening with Planning and Zoning are contrary to the specifics of the plan.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the balance of commercial/industrial versus residential property and the impact on the future of Shelton. Information will be defined and then discussed with the Mayor.

James Ryan was contacted by CGI Communications, a national firm that produces web-based video enhancements for municipal and business websites. The free service includes advertising, and commissioners questioned if we would have control over the advertising. A demo of a video designed for Stratford was viewed. Mr. Ryan will be asked to pursue this and possibly bring them in for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*There being no further business, Commissioner Ruggio moved to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Marks seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

ATTEST: Diane Luther, Clerk  
Economic Development Commission

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS:

***THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, AT 6:00 PM, SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.***