

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 21, 2009

Chairman Fred 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
Kate Marks
Karen McGovern

Also Present: James E. Ryan, President, Shelton Economic Development Corporation
Don Coiro, Q Company Communication

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

No one from the public was present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2009 REGULAR MEETING:

Commissioner Burlison moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 17, 2009. Commissioner Marks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORT OF JAMES RYAN PRESIDENT, SEDC:

Mr. Ryan reviewed a presentation he made to the Executive Board. Among topics covered were the Rolfite, Samarius, and Axton Cross remediation work and technologies being evaluated by engineers; Board of Aldermen funding of the final design work for Canal Street Phase 3 and 4; SEDC's receipt of a notice of bankruptcy (Chapter 11) from Chromium Process; approval of railroad closure; UI costs for under grounding less than anticipated; receipt of Housatonic Railroad survey – drawings at SEDC if interested; stimulus money for Canal Street unlikely; no decision yet on referendum date; negotiations completed with engineer on preliminary design of riverwalk extension; 18 town partnership - \$100,000 application to be submitted to USEDA to create a new five year plan and application made to a foundation for matching money (\$70,000 federal, \$30,000 local); goal setting for SEDC. Mr. Ryan discussed the success of Shelton Life Community & Business Newsletters. Chairman Musante talked about the importance of the cooperation between the Commission and the Corporation.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS:

Community/Business Newsletter

There will be a work session on Thursday, April 23, at noon. All are encouraged to participate in the second round of the June newsletter preparation. The production date is urgent, as the issues are needed for the June 12 Flag Day event.

Annual Report

Photograph taken prior to this meeting will be for the Annual Report. Everything is well under control due to the fact that an established format is being used. There was discussion about the "Shelton Men and Women at War" series.

Flag Day Picnic

Planning continues for the June 12 event. Clerk was directed to request a quote from David Grant for food and service as in the past. Shelton Public Schools completed the art contest before the April recess, and judging will take place shortly. Photographs will be taken at that time for the newsletter. Chairman Musante noted this is the third year of the contest, which is totally run by the Shelton Public Schools. As in the past, the Commission provides the funding for prizes, which will be awarded at the picnic.

Main Event

Nothing is planned.

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BUDGET:

Commissioner Ruggio reviewed the current budget and noted the encumbrances related to Flag Day and the Annual Report. EDC's budget balance is slightly over \$30,000 at this time.

There is no news yet on next year's budget. A&T had a split vote, and it now goes to the aldermen.

AREA PROJECTS:

Valley Transit District

Chairman Musante stated VTD has been unable to get a quorum, as Seymour has not appointed a representative.

Long Range Plan

As reported at the last meeting, Glenn Calder of Planametrics has offered to meet with Planning and Zoning and the committee to review the plan, free of charge.

Derby-Shelton Bridge

Commissioner Marks said Jim Tate will be giving a presentation to Rotary on April 30. Arrangements will be made to have him present to EDC.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion about the protection of "Shelton Life" as a trademark/copyright. Also discussed was the need for all members to participate in the committee process. The use of conference calls was suggested due to demands of work schedules.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Burlison moved to adjourn at 6:42 PM. Commissioner Ruggio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Diane Luther, Clerk
Economic Development Commission

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: