

Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee (EDCAC)

Minutes for August 8, 2012

Held in Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Susan Lee, Marc Casseres, Doug Dowell, Ed Fasci, Richard Tucker, Chris Woods

Town Council Representative: Bill Boyd

Absent: N/A

Excused: Linda Bonetti, Greg Michael

Public/Guests: Gordon Leedy - Director of Land Development at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc

Tim Thompson – Director Community Development, Merrimack NH

Josh Horowitz – Potential EDCAC Member

7:08 pm Chair Susan Lee Called meeting to order

Meeting chaired by Chairperson Susan Lee.

Announcements:

- Business Expo scheduled for September 29, Merrimack Town Hall Center and Mastricola Complex. 10 am to 3 pm. Visit <http://www.merrimackexpo.com/> for more information

Old Business:

- Merrimack Master Plan – Mr. Gordon Leedy
- Town Attorney is currently ruling on the Town Council's jurisdiction in defining the Town Center. The issue is still in discussion but has not yet been defined.
- The active jurisdiction question makes this a good time to consider RSA-79E. Also new Airport access road will likely be a dynamic influence in discussing a Town Center.
- Tim Thompson commented that the EDCAC ought to identify properties on DW highway which could be specifically targeted vs. attempting to get a large geographic region identified as a Town Center.
- The Master Plan should be finalized by the end of 2012.
- Tim further counseled the Committee to NOT go to the council unless there was a specific project in mind (this was countered in further discussion with the EDCAC that it makes sense to adopt the legislation but remain silent on a specific project)
- Next Master Plan Steering Committee meeting will be September 18, 2012.
- Tim took an action to determine if a zone must be designated in order to adopt the legislation. Committee agreed further to put off any presentation to Town Council until late in September.
- Tim is invited back to the EDCAC for the September meeting (8/12/2012)

- Committee made final agreement to update RSA 79E brief and include a sample application that is titled “Merrimack” and capture all previous comments. Motion to update same made by Richard, 2nd by Ed and voted affirmative 6-0-0.

Review of Prior Minutes:

Review of June 2012 minutes Motion made to accept as written, Chris 2nd motion and vote carried in the affirmative 6-0-0.

Review of January 2012 minutes was conducted and motion made to accept as written by Ed. 2nd by Doug and motion carried in affirmative 5-0-1 with Richard abstaining as he was absent in January.

- Several “proof reading” changes were made to the proposed minutes
- Ed made a motion to accept the minutes as modified. Doug 2nd the motion and the Vote was 4-0-2 in the affirmative, and the motion passed.

New Business:

- Motion made by Doug to defer Town Council Brief for RSA-79e until after September EDCAC meeting. Motion was 2nd by Ed and was carried in affirmative 6-0-0.

2012 Elections were held.

- Richard Tucker was nominated a vice chairman and accepted. Doug made a motion to vote on nomination, motion was 2nd by Chris and nomination carried in affirmative 6-0-0.
- Susan Lee was nominated as Chair with a motion by Doug, 2nd by Chris and nomination was carried in affirmative 6-0-0.
- Mark Casseres was nominated as Secretary by Richard and he accepted, 2nd on nomination was made by Doug and Mark was carried in affirmative 6-0-0.

Closing Comments:

An introduction was made of Joshua Horowitz and he stated that he desired to get involved and that he had some expertise and interest in Web Design.

Bill Boyd congratulated the returning and newly elected Committee leaders and thanked them for stepping up and providing leadership.

Each member was given an action to provide a list of properties for next month’s meeting to be considered as specific candidate projects for RSA-79E.

Doug made a Motion to close the meeting, which was seconded by Chris and was carried 6-0-0. Susan then closed the meeting at 8:42 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted to the Committee by,
Richard S. Tucker
Secretary – Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee

These minutes were approved with changes on 9/12/2012 by a vote of 5-0-1, on a motion made by Doug Dowell and seconded by Chris Woods.