

**Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting of February 18, 2009
Minutes**

Commissioners Present: Jeff Cohen, Alan Eisenberg, Dan Kennedy, Peter Olson, Vincent Shaheen.
Town Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez

1. Public Forum - No additional guests or members from the public were present.
2. Amendments to Agenda – None.
3. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg, the minutes of January 21, 2008 were unanimously approved.
4. Administrative Items
Communications and Correspondence: Staff submitted correspondence for circulation.
5. EDC Priorities
 - A. Feedback from Town Council meeting of 2/17/09: Staff and Commissioners Kleinhans, McGurk and Olson presented the priority rankings, answered questions and discussed next steps. Town Council requested an update in six months.
 - B. Implementation Strategies: Chairman Cohen reviewed the eight priorities and asked that at next meeting each Commissioner pick a priority to work on. Next, we need to focus on the action steps under each priority and work with others to begin to implement our objectives.
6. Economic Development Status Update
Staff distributed the update report dated February 18, 2009 and answered questions.
7. Update of Other Initiatives
 - A. Economic Conditions & Trends Report: the Commission agreed to have printed copies available for distribution.
 - B. E D Web page: updates will be submitted to Amy at Image Works
 - C. Vernon Development Fair: the date is Wednesday, May 13th, a caterer has been secured, MetroHartford Alliance will take care of the invitation mailing to its contact lists, photos for web page.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marina C. Rodriguez, AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP

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Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting of April 15, 2009
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Commissioners Present: Alan Eisenberg, Bruce Kellogg, Dan Kennedy, Peter Olson,
Vincent Shaheen.

Town Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez

In Chairman Cohen's absence, Commissioner Olson agreed to chair the meeting.

1. Public Forum: No guests or members from the public were present.
2. Amendments to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Commissioner Eisenberg, seconded by Commissioner Shaheen, the minutes of March 18, 2009 were approved unanimously.
4. Administrative Items
Communications and Correspondence: Staff submitted correspondence for circulation.
5. Vernon Development Event
Invitations are being mailed this week. So far, final arrangements are proceeding according to plan. Outstanding items include preparation of power point presentation and securing presenters, preparation of handout materials, preparation of bus route and tour script, securing a photographer, arranging for local press coverage, and room set-up. Comm. Kellogg mentioned press coverage possibly focusing on one or two local success stories and then building on that theme for coverage of the Event.
6. Update on Implementation of EDC Priorities
Work during the past several weeks has focused on preparations for the ED Event coming up May 13th which is part of Priority 1, and the Town budget process related to the Economic Development Fund.
7. Economic Development Status Update
Staff distributed the update report dated April 15, 2009 and answered questions.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marina C. Rodriguez, AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP

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VERNON TOWN CLERK Regular Meeting of June 17, 2009
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Commissioners Present: Jeff Cohen, Alan Eisenberg, Bruce Kellogg, Dan Kennedy, Sol Kerensky, Bob Kleinhans, Bill McGurk, Peter Olson, Vincent Shaheen

Town Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez

1. Public Forum: No guests or members from the public were present.
2. Amendments to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg, the minutes of April 15, 2009 were approved unanimously.
4. Administrative Items
Communications and Correspondence: Staff submitted correspondence for circulation.
5. Vernon Development Event
We have received many positive comments about the event. Veronica Craig sent a feedback form that Jeff will complete and return. There was positive press coverage about the event; the articles in the Journal Inquirer and The Reminder were circulated. Vernon was also included in a recent Trade & Industry special report about communities where positive initiatives are taking place. As a result of the event, staff has followed-up on various inquiries about available sites.
6. Update on Implementation of EDC Priorities
The Mayor sent an e-mail to Jeff and Marina earlier this month asking that we look into certain improvements to the web site, and inquiring about work on our plan. It would be best to meet with him before proceeding.
7. Economic Development Status Update
Staff distributed the update report dated June 17, 2009 and answered questions.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marina C. Rodriguez, AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP

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Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting of August 19, 2009
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Commissioners Present: Jeff Cohen, Alan Eisenberg, Bruce Kellogg Sol Kerensky, Bill McGurk, Vincent Shaheen

Town Staff Present: None

1. Public Forum: No guests or members from the public were present. However, a presentation by Bill Breslau, Don Vaccaro, and Andra Mazur of Ticket Network was made, as was a request for a letter in support of their project for Ticket Network Forest, LLC. A motion was made by Bill McGurk to support the project, Bruce Kellogg seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with Sol Kerensky abstaining, recusing himself from the vote as to avoid a conflict of interest.
2. Amendments to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Commissioner Kerensky, seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg, the minutes of June 17, 2009 were approved unanimously.
4. Administrative Items
Communications and Correspondence: Staff submitted correspondence for circulation.
6. Update on Implementation of EDC Priorities
Still waiting for Marina to set up contact with each of the parties.
7. Economic Development Status Update
Staff distributed the update report dated August 19, 2009 and answered questions.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Cohen, Chair, Economic Development Commission.

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Regular Meeting of October 21, 2009
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Commissioners Present: Jeff Cohen, Alan Eisenberg, Bruce Kellogg, Dan Kennedy, Bill McGurk, Peter Olson, Vincent Shaheen

Town Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez

1. Public Forum:

Commissioners Chet Morgan and Walter Mealy from the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) made a presentation regarding the updating of the Vernon Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD). This document is used as a guide for development in the Town of Vernon. The consulting firm of Planimetrics has been hired to assist the PZC with the preparation of the Plan. They discussed the public planning process that will be used to update the document by 2011, which will seek input and involvement from all sectors of the community. A questionnaire was distributed for the Economic Development Commission members to complete and return to Planimetrics. The first public meeting seeking input is scheduled for Thursday November 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner McGurk, the minutes of August 19, 2009 were approved unanimously.

3. Administrative Items

Communications and Correspondence: Correspondence was circulated.

4. Update on Implementation of EDC Priorities

Marina has met with most of the members regarding next action steps for specified priorities.

5. Economic Development Status Update

The update report dated October 21, 2009 was distributed and discussed.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marina C. Rodriguez, AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP

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Economic Development Commission Meeting
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The meeting was called to order at 7:32 AM by Chairman Cohen

Present were Commissioners McGurk, Olsen, Eisenberg, Kellogg, and Ackert.

Public Forum:

Russ Broderick of Welles Village made a presentation regarding the pending zoning application of Spring Hill Suites. He is dissatisfied with the potential use and the developer. He believes the existing Colony Banquet Halls are a valuable asset to the community. He is working on a plan of development of the overall Talcottville Development/Gary Patel properties. He would like to come back as his plans develop to discuss them with the Commission.

Minutes

Minutes were not available from last months meeting which did not have a quorum.

Administrative Items

It was noted that Bob Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, will be filling in for Marina Rodriguez until her return and will be present at meetings and to assist on a limited basis.

Implementations

Marina was working on these issues with Chip Bellows of PZC to include in MPOD.
Follow up required.

Updates

Updates were discussed among the members on current projects including
Roosevelt Mills, in progress
Equestrian Center, planning stage
Ticket Network, hearings
Spring Hill Suites, hearings

New Business

Commissioners asked staff to check on inclusion of EDC priorities in MPOD.

Commissioner Eisenberg requested his packet be mailed to his work address at Amerbelle.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Kleinhans
Staff Liason