

**EAST HARTFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
July 9, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Economic Development Commission was called to order at **6:40 p.m.** on **Wednesday, July 9, 2008** by Commissioner Marilyn Pet, Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

EAST HARTFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Present:

Marilyn Pet, Chair
Debra Arrieta
Miguel Franco
John Ryan

Absent:

Pat Harmon
Chuck Hutchinson
Devorah Johnson
Barbara-Ann Rossi
Susan Skowronek

Others in Attendance:

Jeanne Webb, Director of Development
Aya Jensen, Economic Development Specialist

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) May 21, 2008

MOTION by Ms. Arrieta, seconded by Mr. Ryan
APPROVED

4) BILLS LIST

a) **\$100.00 – Clerk**

MOTION by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Arrieta
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **\$9,786.80 – Metro Hartford Alliance**

MOTION by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Franco
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

c) **\$868.00 – Connecticut Resource Center**

i) to be tabled for further discussion

5) LIAISON REPORT FROM PLANNING & ZONING

- a) The proposed text amendment for the zoning change relative to the proposed adult entertainment venues was turned down
- b) Pitkin Street LLC has a pending lawsuit regarding the adult entertainment zoning
- c) Silva's Daycare was approved for their expansion

6) LIAISON REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- a) The annual awards ceremony was held on June 26. Hoffman Auto Group, Horst Engineering and Ten-Penny Ale received awards for their long-standing presence in the community.
- b) A meeting will be held on July 10, 2008 with the Connecticut Economic Development Fund for the Main Street Improvement Project.

7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Advertising and Promotions Sub-Committee – RFP for Services
 - i) A recommendation will be made at the next meeting.

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ms. Pet spoke with Katie Blint of the CT Convention Center who extended an invitation to all Commissioners for a guided tour of the Center. She also will be scheduled to attend a regular meeting of the EDC to speak about the Center.
- b) Champ Boat races will be held in August 2008. The CT Convention Center is inquiring about our interest in sponsoring a reception for east of the river.
- c) The Bulkely/Founders Bridge will be celebrating it's 100th Anniversary in October 2008.
- d) Ms. Jensen reported that the EHWorks website is in need of an update which will include additional pages. She will determine how many and the cost and will report back to the commission at the next meeting.
- e) Ms. Jensen put together the latest issue of Working Connections (*See attachment*)

4) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Arrieta, seconded by Mr. Ryan
APPROVED at 7:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Currey
Clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Mayor
Development Department