

MINUTES

**HOOKSETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HOOKSETT TOWN HALL
HOOKSETT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

Call to Order: Chairman W. Sirak called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Present: Craig Ahlquist, Tom Barrett, Fred Bishop, Steve Korzyniowski and Chairman William Sirak

Excused: Alden Beauchemin and Mike Reed

Staff: Carol Granfield (Town Administrator) and Jo Ann Duffy (Town Planner)

Also Present: Barbara Stadtmiller (UNH Intern), Duke Pointer & Jeff Burd (University Heights)

Approval of Minutes

The September 8, 2010 minutes was approved.

Town Administrator's Update – Carol Granfield

1. A press release was sent out on the Hooksett Gateway project. The project fell through due to a variety of factors, i.e., the economy, the State Liquor Store wanting to move out and the developers were unable to get the anchors for the project. There are interests from other groups.

Discussion on the Town's continued efforts to explore possible projects for the area.

2. The Town Hall Preservation Committee gave an update to the Council. They are focusing on the new portion of the building to be leased and the old part for preservation. There is no money allocated to the group. They asked for Stantec's assistance through the Town to review and sign the plans. They are considering various options.
3. Despite a sluggish economy, there are still a lot of business activities in Hooksett. Veano's Restaurant is moving forward. Tractor Supply will be opening this Friday. Ocean State Job Lot is doing well. PSNH has a significant project in the works on a 20-acre parcel behind the Safety Center. Negotiations are under way with the property owner.

Ambassador's Program Update

F. Bishop reported three visits were completed during the summer, including the Elliot Health Care facility. C. Ahlquist added Elliott is willing to make an educational health

presentation to all schools in Town. They are also offering free services for senior citizens i.e., flu shots, prostate testing, etc. The Town Administrator will follow-up with the Elliott.

One positive point that came up during business visits is that issues could be addressed and get resolved.

Chair Sirak suggested meeting with the developers and project engineers at the end of a construction project to have a discussion on what didn't go well.

Nominating Report

Two HEDC members resigned (Jack Dowd and Keith Moon. Steve Korzyniowski and Alden Beauchemin have elected to not continue beyond the end of 2010. The HDC currently has five openings. Several community leaders have expressed interest in serving. A list of names will be presented at the December 8th meeting and presented for formal appointment to the Town Council at the December 15th Town Council Meeting. The Town Council will appoint all members on an annual basis. .

University Heights

J. Duffy introduced Duke Pointer, one of the primary owners of University Heights and project engineer, Jeff Burd.

D. Pointer and J. Burd updated the board on the project. The University Heights Development plan included two parcels on Hooksett Road, one has an approved site plan for a bank and a convenience store and conceptual proposal for a grocery store was presented several years ago for the other parcel. The new owner is looking for ideas and feedback from the board on how to market the sites. They are also looking for support from Town Boards and departments.

Chair Sirak offered the board's and the Town's assistance in making the project a success.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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