

**TOWN OF HULL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2018
7:15 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Mark Abatuno; Steve White; Melissa Robin, Clerk; Domenico Sestito

Not present: Steve Kiley; Dennis Zaia

Staff: Chris Dilorio, Town Planner

Minutes of January 11, 2018 approved

Porchfest

- Presentation by Tom Hardy, Jill Dennard, Bill Tobin
- New community event tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2018
- Porchfest to partner with Hull Chamber of Commerce; Patty Abbott in attendance
- Quincy, Jamaica Plain, Arlington, Roslindale have Porchfests
- Bands play for free on residential front porches around Town
- Event will center in the Kenberma retail area between Revere and Kenberma Streets
- Streets are not closed
- Organizing committee group anticipates 2,000-3,000 attendees based on 20 porches w/ 30 bands
- Potential economic impact of \$100k-\$150k

EDC Annual Goals

- Jennifer Constable circulated working draft of EDC Mission and Goals
- Consensus to identify two priorities for 2018
- Meeting on February 7th to focus on selecting these projects. One will be related to Winter Programming and a smaller project to produce quick results.
- Winter Programming ideas included pop up skating rink on the HRA property similar to Boston Winter at City Hall Plaza and the ice rink under the arch at Rowes Wharf
- Small project ideas- Welcome to Hull billboard approx. \$4/5k; art collaboration project w/ Hull art teachers and students around town

Vacant Commercial and Industrial Properties

- How to address blighted properties and hold property owners accountable
- Arlington has a Bylaw (Constable to circulate for review)
- Excludes residential properties

Parking Districts

- Town wide Parking Districts not allowable
- Constable to coordinate with MAPC
- Meters in Town generate \$8-10k per year
- Abatuno to meet w/ Dilorio to brainstorm parking district locations

New Business/ Admin

- Next EDC meeting February 7th 7pm. Agenda Items- 1/Winter Programming Project, 2/Easy to Accomplish Project, 3/Parking Districts, 4/Vacant Building Bylaw
- EDC meeting 28th 7 pm
- Next Joint EDC Small Business Meeting with the Hull Chamber of Commerce March 14th

ACTION ITEMS

New 1/31/18

All- Bring Place Making and Programming ideas to 2/7 meeting

Mark Abatuno

1. Meet w/ Dilorio on location for Parking Districts

Jen Constable

2. Discuss Parking Districts w/ MAPC
3. Follow through w/ beach parking post HRA lot development

Melissa Robin

1. Talk w/ Zaia re. Winter Programming

From 1/11/18

Jen Constable

1. Discuss w/ DCR beachfront single parking spaces
2. Email November 15, 2017 meeting participants w/ Sign In sheet
3. Follow through w/ Hull contacts re. Small Business Workshops

Steve Wiley

1. Research Scituate Harbor Cultural District

Dennis Zaia

1. Displaced beach parking in HRA lot: How addressed in RFP?

9:45 pm meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Melissa Robin, Clerk