

**Town of Stonington
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2013
Human Services Building 7:00pm**

Attendance: Blunt White, Amy Arruda, Wendy Bury, Les Bray, Ed Planeta, and Ed Hart

Absent: Dan Oliverio

Town Guests: None

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Call to Order: 7:06pm

Approval of Prior Minutes: January 10, 2013

Motion: Blunt White

Second: Wendy Bury

Old Business:

Budget Report – Current available funds \$3750. Received \$500 bill from Planimetrics. There was discussion around the PZC potentially conducting a workshop for the M1 initiative. Chairman White will be getting additional information to determine if there will be any additional cost based on this proposal.

EDC Website:

Commission Member Amy Arruda reported the following:

- The site had approximately 613 visits since January's meeting.
- Updates included adding the CT quick reference tax guide on the home and economics page.
- The 2012 CERC PDF has been updated on the demographics page

Chairman White suggested we look at the listing to see what other properties could be listed under the properties/list page.

Business Outreach – Chairman White reached out to Breslin. Nothing going on right now but seemed optimistic about future growth.

Regional and local tourism marketing – Commission Member Bury asked on behalf of Peter Glankoff for the EDC to support the SE Cyclone Bike race in the hopes to bring awareness for additional sponsorship funds.

Motion: Chairman Blunt made a motion to support the SE Cyclone Bike race from Newport to Mystic and do our best personally to refer potential sponsors to the event organizers.

Second: Commission Member Ed Planeta

Accepted: 5

Opposed: 1

POCD Update:

Commission Member Wendy Bury reported the following:

- Currently up to 800 surveys
- Meetings on the 1st Monday of each month for public participation and specific topic discussed. March 4th meeting will be about housing. The 3rd Monday of the month is for the debriefing of the information gathered from the earlier meeting for committee members.
- The 2004 list of initiatives was presented for review. Items listed were either deleted or modified based on current information.
- POCD survey highlights were as follows:
 - Support small businesses
 - Reuse of current buildings
 - Grow tax base to maintain current tax levels

Detailed discussion ensued to determine the next steps. Commission Member Arruda suggested we take the 3 highlighted items from the survey and come up with 2 ideas for the March 14th meeting.

Adjournment: 9:09pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Amy Arruda

Approved 3/14/2013

Blair White
Chairman EDC