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Attachment 1

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

DATE: January 10, 2018  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Town Council Chambers

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Augusto Russell    Dan Kleinman  
Brian Connolly    Edward Giannaros  
Robert Reeve

**Staff**

Rose Ponte

**a. Call to Order**

a. Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm

**b. Public Comment**

Amanda Strauss, a Farmington resident, asked how many employees are in the Economic Development Dept.

**c. Welcome Bill Wadsworth**

Edward Gianaros was welcomed as the new Town Council liaison

**d. Presentation for Andy's Kitchen – Commissioner Reeve recused himself from the discussion**

Friar Architects made a presentation on behalf of Andy's Kitchen and asked the Commission to issue a positive referral. They presented schematic drawings and a positive Economic Impact Statement. Commissioner Kleinman noted that the EDC Commission's concerns are with the project's economic impact and zoning questions and zoning issues belong to the TPZ.

This matter was table until the February meeting because we lacked a quorum for this vote.

**e. Reading of the Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 4, 2017 minutes. (Connolly/ Kleinman ). **Motion carried**

**f. Economic Developer's Report**

Rose updated the commissioners on the activities conducted during the month of December. She reported that Unionville Pediatrics was very appreciative of their 40 year recognition award.

**g. Explore Farmington Update**

Rose addressed the issues brought up at the December board meeting. When explore Farmington is "goggled" it now appears second after the Hartford Courant article about explore Farmington. Evan worked on the premium business content and improved it, however, Commissioner Reeve still noted that on his mobile device his business's images are still hidden under the explore Farmington banner. Commissioner Reeve also noted that explore Farmington does not work when using Internet Explorer. Others suggestions included added a search bar to the places section and adding a drop down list feature on the listed places in that section. Rose will meet with Evan and report back to the Commission.

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**Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget**

Commissioner Reeve noted that since only 4 Commissioners were present that it would be more appropriate to discuss the budget next month. Commissioner Kleinman requested that the 2017-2018 budget be included in the discussion so they could compare the budget items year over year.

**h. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded (Kleinman /Connolly) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

1. **Approved unanimously**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Ponte  
Economic Development Director  
CC: Economic Development Commissioners**