

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

DATE: Wednesday December 16, 2015  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Town Council

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Augusto Russell  
Bob Reeve  
Brian Connolly  
Ron Bernard  
John Karwoski

**Absent**

Dan Kleinman  
Joe Howard

**Staff**

Rose Ponte

**a. Call to Order**

a. Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

**b. Introduction of New EDC Commissioner**

Commissioner Ron Bernard has been appointed to the commission for the term of 2015-2017. Commissioners welcomed him.

**c. Public Comments**

a. n/a

**d. Metro Realty Presentation**

Kyle Richards presented the Southern Health Center Neighborhood Study. The study was commissioned by Metro Realty and conducted by Milone and McBroom. The consultants did a thorough analysis of the area and held two community informational meetings. Mr. Richards presented an overview of the study. Metro Realty will present the study to TPZ on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mr. Richards asked the EDC commission to support Metro's request that Farmington's Plan of Conservation and Development be amended.

Mr. Kevin Curry, a resident of the neighborhood was in attendance at the meeting. Commissioner Reeve asked him for his comments. Mr. Curry attended the community meetings, and agreed that the neighborhood has changed over the years. Recently a bus stop has been located steps from his front door. He feels this study reflects the current situation of the area and agrees an amendment to the POCD could protect the residents of this neighborhood.

Commissioner Reeve requested more information concerning how Metro proposes to amend the POCD. Rose promised to follow up with Bill Warner and will communicate with the Commissioners by email.

- i. **Motion to issue a referral for Metro Realty's petition to amend the current Plan of Conservation and Development.**  
**The motion was tabled.**
  
- e. **Reading of the Minutes**  
A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 7, 2015 minutes Connolly / Reeve).
  - i. **Approved unanimously.**
  
- f. **Town Council Liaison Report, Mr. Jeff Apuzzo**  
N/A
  
- g. **Economic Development Director's Report**  
Rose reviewed the monthly report; commissioners did not have any discussion.
  
- h. **Approval of the Yearly Calendar**  
Meetings will continue to be held the second Wednesday of every month, however, meetings will start at 5:30 instead of 6:30.
  
- i. **Election of Officers**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Reeve and seconded by Commissioner Karwoski to appoint Augusto Russell as the Chair and Brian Connolly as Vice Chair for 2016-2017 term.
  - i. **Approved unanimously.**
  
- j. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Kissing Balls –** The sponsorship campaign did see more sponsors this year, but collected \$2000 less than last year. Commissioner Connolly has ideas that could make the sponsorship campaign more robust next year. He will discuss it at the next marketing committee meeting.
  
  - b. **Marketing Committee Update**  
The group has been meeting regularly to design the EDC portion of the website. The group will meet with the website consultants to discuss their ideas and plans.
  
- k. **Business Breakfast Series 2016**  
Farmington Bank has again sponsored the yearly Breakfast Series. The first breakfast will be held in January. Mr. Robert Landino will be the featured speaker. The spring breakfast is tentatively planned to be held at Jackson Labs, and Commissioners discussed options for the fall breakfast but did not finalize a fall speaker.
  
- l. **Adjournment**
  - a. A motion was made and seconded ( Karwoski/ Bernard ) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm
    - i. **Approved unanimously**

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