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Attachment 1

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

DATE: Wednesday May 24, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Town Council Chambers

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Carole King  
Bob Reeve  
Augusto Russell  
Dan Kleinman  
Brian Connolly  
Gary Palumbo

**Absent**

John Karwoski  
Joe Howard

**Staff**

Rose Ponte

- a. **Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm
  
- b. **Public Comment**
  - a. n/a
  
- c. **Reading of the Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 12, 2017 minutes. (Kleinman / King).

  - a. **Approved unanimously.**
  
- d. **5 Corner's Presentation**

Mike Creegan presented the proposed 5 Corner's development. He explained that the design of the proposed development has been revised after a very productive meeting with Architectural and Design Review Commission. The applicant supplied a positive economic impact statement and Commissioners agreed the proposed development was well planned and would be a good addition to this area of town.

A motion was made to send a positive referral to TPZ regarding the 5 corner's project. (Kleinman/ Connolly)

  - A. **Approved. Commissioner Reeve recused himself from the discussion and did not vote**
  
- e. **Evjen Dance Studio Presentation**

Diana Evjen has owned the Evjen Dance Academy since 2006 and currently enrolls 300 students and has 12 full time employees. She needs additional space and wants to remain in Farmington. She is filing a TPZ application for a special permit to move the academy to 504 Main Street. She plans to renovate and improve the building; she submitted a positive economic impact statement.

A motion was made (Kleinman/King) to support this project and send a positive referral to TPZ .

  - A. **Approved Unanimously**

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**f. Review Marketing Initiative**

The marketing subcommittee met and prioritized their goals and objectives for the upcoming marketing initiative. Commissioner Connolly reviewed the meeting notes and explained that the goals and priorities Rose had submitted are in line with the services provided by Civic Lift.

A motion was made (Kleinman/Connolly)

To move forward with the marketing initiative and engage Civic Lift to create a platform for the purposes of community engagement, subject to approval from the Town Manager.

**A. Approved Unanimously**

**f. Land Use Analysis**

Bill Warner provided a current Land Use Analysis as part of the POCD revision. Commissioners reviewed the information and agreed that we must figure out how to repurpose current spaces in order for Farmington to continue to grow and expand. Commissioner Russell noted the importance of reviewing the situation as we plan for the future.

**h. Economic Development Director's Report**

Rose reviewed the monthly EDC activities

**i. Town Council Liaison Report**

Councilman Palumbo noted that the council voted to go to a town wide referendum to vote on whether or not to build a new high school. He explained that the Council felt the voters should make the final decision on this matter. The referendum is scheduled for June 15.

**j. Business Breakfast Series**

Commissioner Kleinman suggested that we unveil Civic Lift during the fall business breakfast. Commissioner Reeve suggested we focus on local Farmington companies to recognize rather than franchises.

**k. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded (Kleinman/ King) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

**1. Approved unanimously**

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