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Rochester Economic Development Commission
Minutes – February 25, 2020
Rochester City Hall Annex – Cocheco Conference Room
33 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

Members Present: Jonathan Shapleigh, Kris Ebbeson, Paul Giuliano, Marsha Miller, Whitney Bolton, Kristen Bournival

Members Absent: Mark Hourihane, Janet Davis, Troy Dillow

Others Present: Mike Scala, Jenn Marsh, Julian Long, Barbara Holstein

- A. Chairperson Shapleigh called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM
- B. Marsha made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Paul seconded the motion. All in favor.
- C. Housing in the Seacoast: Ms. Bolton updated the group on the housing discussion she had with Julian Long, Jenn Marsh and Sarah Wrightsman of the Workforce Housing Coalition last week. They discussed holding a housing workshop/summit in May after the Downtown Master Plan and Land Use Chapter have been updated and finalized. They talked about having a panel discussion to talk about incentives, financing and available properties.

In the meantime the group will meet again, try to get more details on what types of housing are in need in the area. It was also suggested to create a map with projects that are current and ongoing to understand what is coming to the market in the near future.

Route 11 housing: Chairman Shapleigh requested we research what the housing needs are in the City before we decide if the committee would like to begin discussing housing on Route 11. The group that met above will look into finding this information for the next meeting.

- D. Loan Committee Structuring and updates: Chairman Shapleigh discussed the makeup of the new committee which will consist of: Troy Dillow, Kristen Bournival, Jonathan Shapleigh, John Hall, someone from the city in finance and Dough Lachance. Mr. Scala talked to the City Attorney about the makeup of the committee and everything is set up on that end already. Chairman Shapleigh will reach out to the committee soon to set up a meeting.
- E. LDI update: Mr. Scala noted that there was a meeting last week for interested contractors to come and ask questions of the project manager. He said that 15 companies showed up.



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The bid will be opening on March 12th at 2:45 pm in City Hall. Mike Bezanson, Tom Perkins, Mark Sullivan and Mike Scala will be scoring the bids.

- F. Adjourn: Marsha made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 AM, seconded by Kris. All in favor.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 24th. Location could be off site so please look at agenda in advance of the meeting.