

ROCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 14, 2013

4:00 P.M. – CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT -

Rick Lundborn, Chairman

John Larochelle, Co-Chairman

Jonathan Shapleigh

Susan DeRoy

Kevin Ryan

Heather Tacconi

Janet Davis, Secretary

Karen Pollard, CECd,EPD

Deputy City Manager – Director of Community Development

MEMBERS ABSENT -

Timothy Cremen

Ron Poulin

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE - Jerry Gilbert, Michael Provost

- A. CALL TO ORDER –Chairman Lundborn called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. Attendance was taken.
- B. APPROVAL – October Regular Minutes –  
Motion made by Rick Lundborn, second by Kevin Ryan to approve the regular minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.
- C. DISCUSSION – Branding Initiative -  
Jerry Gilbert was present and updated us on this project. Bank of NH provided a \$10,000 grant for this project. There was a meeting held in January to bring stockholders together – Nancy Clark of the GlenGroup was present. Unfortunately, the meeting did not go well and did not accomplish what they had hoped for. The plan now is to meet with groups individually. Jonathan Shapleigh of Bank of NH will prepare a letter explaining why they support this program. Jerry feels that if some of the REDC commissioners could attend these meetings it would be helpful. The dates that Nancy Clark is available to meet with us are 11/19/13, 11/26/13, 12/4/13 and 12/6/13. Several members of REDC volunteered to be available on these dates.
- D. UPDATE -
- E. Aerospace/Advanced Manufacturing Regional Cluster – No discussion held
- F. Business Parks – Status of available land and space – There are two lots available in the Granite State Business park at this time.

- G. Zoning Chapter 42 – collecting input at November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> meetings. The new schedule was sent to the Planning Board. Karen will send letters to Rochester Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce to gather their input by the end of the year. The sign ordinance still needs work. Code Enforcement has good suggestions about language clarity. Karen will send out links to all members so we can review the ordinances, check for errors, and make suggestions. There should be a two year review for changes and no longer allow so many years to go by. Motion made by Susan DeRoy, second by Rick Lundborn to have Special Review Provisions - Motion carried.
- H. Exit 10 - Karen spoke to Dick Anagnost about organizing a corridor coalition. Turnpike fees are pooled and priority items are paid. Our legislators should be contacted and asked to speak for us. She suggested that the REDC schedule a meeting and invite people in our corridor and legislators to discuss working together. Chairman Lundborn will contact Chris Parker to see who should be invited. Strafford Regional Planning has a considerable amount of data on this subject. Priorities should be to meet in January to schedule the people in our corridor which would be south to Portsmouth and North to Exit 18 – Dick Anagnost would like to be invited to these meetings.
- I. DISCUSSION – Outreach Committee
- ~ NCS Global (Formerly Newport Computers) - Chairman Lundborn updated the Commission on the open house that he and other members attended.
  - ~ Safran - a tour is being considered for a Tuesday for the City Council and REDC members to attend.
  - ~ Smart ATI - Assisted Technology for people with disabilities
  - ~ LHR Sporting Arms – This company is closed for the hunting season to give their employees an opportunity to hunt.
  - ~ Phase 2 Medical –
  - ~ Thompson Investment Castings -

Karen will send out a list of when the open houses are scheduled.

- J. OTHER BUSINESS –  
Heather Tacconi reviewed the Historical Highlights of Downtown Rochester brochure.

Meeting Dates for 2014 – REDC members are to consider changing the day from Thursday to Wednesday meetings as most Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours are scheduled on Thursdays, which is a conflict with our current meetings and makes it difficult for our members to attend.

NON-PUBLIC EXECUTIVE MEETING - Motion made by Susan DeRoy  
At 5:22 PM, second by John Larochelle to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 Section II (d). Roll Call Vote taken – All in favor. Motion made by John

Larochelle at 5:47 PM, second by Susan DeRoy to exit the Non-Public Session and to seal the minutes indefinitely. Roll call vote taken – All in favor.

K. ADJOURN –

Motion made by Chairman Lundborn at 6:00 PM to adjourn – Second by Heather Tacconi – Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12, 2013 AT 4:00 PM –  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 31 WAKEFIELD ST., ROCHESTER, NH