

ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD 9/24/15

MINUTES
EDC REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2015

PRESENT

Joanne Minieri, Chair
Grant Hendricks, Vice Chairman
Peter Zarcone, Treasurer
Anthony Giordano, Secretary
Gregory T. Casamento, Member

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Kevin Harvey, Member
Sondra Cochran, Member

ALSO PRESENT

Anthony J. Catapano, Deputy Executive Director
Kelly Morris, Suffolk County IDA Deputy Executive Director
John McNally, Suffolk County IDA Associate Director Marketing & Outreach
Daryl Leonette, Suffolk County IDA Executive Assistant
Regina Halliday, Suffolk County IDA Bookkeeper
Anthony Manetta, Consultant, Economic Development Corporation, Standard Advisors Group, Inc.
William Wexler, Agency Counsel
Andrew Komaromi, Esq., Harris Beach PLLC
James Normile, Esq., Winston & Strawn LLP
M. Cornelia Cahill, Esq., Barclay Damon LLP
William Weir, Esq., Nixon Peabody LLP
David Chauvin, Zimmerman/Edelson, Inc.
Joseph Kellard, Reporter, Long Island Business News
Thomas Cilmi, Suffolk County Legislator
Kimberly Scalice, Aide to Legislator Cilmi
Robert Trotta, Suffolk County Legislator
Leslie Kennedy, Suffolk County Legislator
Ali Nazir, Chief Legislative Aide to Legislator Kennedy
Kevin McCaffrey, Suffolk County Legislator
Tom Muratore, Suffolk County Legislator
Lisa Broughton, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning
Richard S. Macellaro, Smithtown Resident
Patricia Biancaniello, Smithtown Matters.com
James Madore, Reporter, Newsday
Lauren Harrison, Reporter, Newsday
Kevin Gremse, National Development Council

The Regular Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation held in the Conference Room of the Agency, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, H. Lee Dennison Building, 3rd. Floor, Hauppauge, NY was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

Ms. Minieri welcomed Legislators Trotta, Kennedy, Cilmi and McCaffrey to the Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Manetta stated for everyone in the room this is the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) which was established several years ago. The Suffolk County EDC was created when NYS stated that IDAs could no longer issue tax-exempt bonds for not for profit organizations. Mr. Manetta stated he is working with the EDC, given its more flexible structure than the IDA has, to try to expand the scope to offer more services to the constituents across Suffolk County. Mr. Manetta indicated he is working with the Board to make this a more robust and effective Corporation.

Minutes

The Minutes of the July 23, 2015 Economic Development Corporation Meeting were accepted.

Update on Master Planning Architectural Design Services Program

Mr. Manetta stated the Architectural Design Plan initiative is a continuation of the efforts of the Regional Plan Association (RPA). This is local municipalities able to work with the Economic Development Corporation and through grant funding mechanisms at their request we are able to help them. Mr. Manetta stated we have received feedback from several municipalities including the Mayor of Mastic Beach, Maura Sperry, requesting assistance for the Village. Mr. Manetta stated he met with Ms. Sperry and she is a dynamic individual and is very excited about revitalizing down town Mastic Beach and Neighborhood Road which is their main street. Ms. Sperry would like to connect the Long Island Railroad to Main Street. Mr. Manetta stated Ms. Sperry has several CFA applications in for planning and she has made a request to the EDC for assistance. Mr. Manetta stated we have received an inquiry from Amityville Village for our assistance. The Village of Amityville has a blueprint from RPA and the architectural design program can make a picture to show what it will look like and how it can work. Mr. Manetta stated the Village of Lindenhurst is interested in major development/revitalization of their down town and they have requested assistance from the EDC.

Legislator Trotta stated what is happening with the Kings Park, Town of Smithtown they have not heard anything from the IDA. Ms. Morris stated it is in draft form still being worked on. Mr. Manetta stated lets address this at the IDA portion of the meeting.

Mr. Wexler stated the EDC and IDA have a procedure and a policy that allows for the efficient, effective and orderly receipt of public comments during its regular monthly meetings.

At the beginning of each regular meeting each speaker will be limited to one 3 minute period of questioning. The Board Members may or may not answer these questions.

Update on Grant Initiatives

Mr. Manetta stated he is trying to identifying ways that the Agency can gain access to grant funding. He has spoken with the Regional Economic Development Council about the CFA process the EDC does not qualify for these Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Mr. Manetta indicated the EDC will have to work with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development. The County is head of the consortium and is able to access HUD money. Economic Development can develop a loan program to access the HUD money to help reinvigorate the downtowns.

After further discussion and;

Upon a motion by Ms. Minieri, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, it was:

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation.

Unanimously carried 5/0.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next Meeting of the Suffolk County Economic Development Corporation is tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2015.