

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JULY 3, 2018

Chairperson, Jon Miller , called the Tuckerton Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, JULY 3, 2018 at 7:10 pm at the Borough Hall.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been complied with as notice was published to the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press stating the time, date and place of this meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were in attendance:
Jon Miller Tim Hart, Rob Perotti

Nedean Maddox is absent this evening.

Jon Miller led the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

Rob Perotti moved, seconded by Jon Miller that the JUNE 2018, meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee at 7:15 PM.

Tim Hart abstained, as he was absent at the JUNE meeting.

RECORDING OF HOURS:

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2018 for the month of JUNE 2018 are as follows: Economic Development Committee recognizes their members' donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of monthly meetings and available workshops /seminars.

Tim Hart	12.0	Nedean Maddox	----
Jon Miller	16.0	Rob Perotti	8.0

CHAIRMAN'S FORUM:

Jon Miller distributed a copy of the red lined-annotated version of the 2002 Master Plan, Amendment to the Master Plan, and re-examination report update to each EDC member. He related that he had a conversation with Secretary, Carol Scheurman on the Land Use Board. This was adopted on August 1, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jon Miller reviewed the documents. There is mention of an EDC re-examination report on page 4 and mention of an Economic Redevelopment Zone on page 18. The document reports there are no areas in need of redevelopment, presently. The Route #9 corridor was identified in the 2002 Master Plan.

Rob Perotti expressed concerned over the condition of the Unoccupied downtown district. He strongly identifies the need of a "Redevelopment Zone" N.O.W.!!!

Chairperson, Jon Miller, agrees that due to recent development activity along the corridor, the recommendation in this report does NOT remain valid, and EDC will challenge this statement.

Rob Perotti informed that the Gas Company has been cutting service, as authorized by the D.O.T. along Route #9. This area of travel was shut down for two days. He expressed concerned over several buildings that have been permanently vacant for an extended period of time and concern over other sold businesses.

Councilman liaison, Ron Peterson, stated he will advocate for the EDC members interest with the Land Use Board.

There was a discussion over which business is going to take over the corner building on South Green Street.

Members discussed the vacant buildings along the downtown district. They suggested ideas for rent at a fair market rate, to include incentives for a tax abatement. Businesses must prove occupancy and hours of operation.

Jon Miller confirmed that the EDC is on the agenda for the July 19th meeting at the Land Use Board so they may advocate their concern over the Economic Redevelopment Zone be included into the Master Plan.

Tim Hart expressed the importance and consideration over the “Historic Fabric” for the Tuckerton Borough. He related that there be incentives AND preserve history. It is amicable to have BOTH.

Members discussed a “mixed use” zone that would allow for residential apartment above businesses.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nedean Maddox had asked EDC members to support Waterways Commission to address dredging as it applies to the economic impact. As Chairperson for this Tuckerton Commission, she asked for EDC contribution for reinforcement and support.

Members agreed to have our next meeting date changed. EDC will be held on August 14, 2018, the second Tuesday of the month, for that monthly only.

MEMBERS FORUM:

Rob Perotti reminded members to create a “BIO” for our web site.

Rob Perotti opened the discussion for “Restaurant Week” project. Jon Miller related he had spoke with Panii Bay owners who suggested the week be held in September, as they are closed for winter. Jon would like to invite all local restaurant owners to our meeting to include them with our preparation of a flyer for this project.

Secretary will draft an invitation to be sent out to all restaurant owners to attend our meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. A master list will be created by all members.

Tim Hart acknowledged the platoon boat for the Water-Ferry project was brought to the Seaport and is currently being prepared for its launch.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Councilman, Ron Peterson informed members that the South Green Street Park is just about complete and suggested taking a ride, it is worth seeing. They did a “fantastic” job on this project..

INVOICE:

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Robert Rue to approve the invoice of \$75 to Susan Maguire for secretarial services for the month of JULY 2018 It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Tuckerton Environmental Commission members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Hart moved, second by Rob Perotti, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:00 PM.

All voted Aye.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Maguire, Secretary
Economic Development Committee