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Approved Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Commission
January 4, 2016, 7:00 PM
Small Conference Room

Present: Arnold Light, Paul Levine

Guests: John Devine, Alexander Karsanidi and Joanne Hudson

Arnold Light called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Arnold Light recorded the minutes

1. Announcements

a) Next EDC Meeting February 1, 2016

b) December 7, Minutes approval

Arnold motioned, Paul seconded, approved.

3. Project Progress Reports

a. Town survey has completed, there were about 400 replies. A report will be forth coming sometime during the week of January 25th.

b. Downtown Retail Shopping Revitalization Report. After meeting with The Consultants (SCRE) and Rudy Marconi, the next steps are to plan a joint meeting of landlords, owners, retail merchants, the Downtown Retail Association and the Retail Council of The Chamber of Commerce to discuss the next steps. A meeting was planned for sometime in January but most likely will happen in February.

4. The 2016 EDC meeting schedule has been amended to correct from June 16 to June 6th.

5. Joanne Hudson, Director of the planned Ridgefield Independent Film Festival for May 20-22, 2016, was a guest to talk about the progress of the RIFF to date. So far 200 films have been submitted and they will be screened with a final total for showing at the festival of 46. The RIFF website has now been updated and packages can be bought. RIFF is still looking for sponsors. The EDC has contributed \$2,500 and may make further contributions depending on remaining budgets and anticipated needs until July 1, 2016.

6. The EDC now has openings for five new commissioners. John Devine and Alex Karsanidi who attended this meeting as guests are two likely candidates and hopefully will be appointed sometime in January which will then leave three openings. EDC has requested ads be placed in Hamlet Hub and on the town website.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM