



Economic Development Commission

MINUTES

December 13, 2022

Newtown Municipal Center
Shared Meeting Room 3
3 Primrose St

Present: Jeffrey Robinson, Bruce Walczak, Nick Roussas, Fran Pennarola, Barbara Snyder, Steve Matiatos, Tracey Pertoso, Peter McLoughlin

Absent: Valerie Fallon

Also Present: Christal Preszler – Deputy Director Economic & Community Development

Public Attendance:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Participation:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Fran Pennarola made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from November 15, 2022. Bruce Walczak seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Economic and Community Development - Staff Updates

Christal Preszler spoke to commission members about the opportunity to join CEDAS. Currently, the Chair and Vice Chair are enrolled, but there may be additional members who can join under the next tier.

Christal reviewed the budget noting that there are no major changes. There is an additional line item for Affordable Housing Advisory Services, but it does not change the overall total budget request.

Christal told members of the recent number of ribbon cuttings. All commissioners requested that they be copied on ribbon cutting emails.

Election of Officers:

Bruce Walczak pointed out that the election for appointed boards should take place until the first meeting of the calendar year. The election of officers has been postponed.



Member Comments and Questions

6 Commerce Update:

Fran had nothing new to report.

Member Project(s) Update:

None.

Business additions resident feedback (cont'd):

None.

Vacant commercial space and Business Zones Observations:

None.

Other Commissions Observations:

None.

Chairman & Vice Chairman Report/Comments

Strategic Plan for Economic Development (Refer to attachment A):

Member reviewed and made updates to the Strategic plan.

Adjournment:

Jeffrey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Nick Roussas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and was seconded by Tracey Pertoso.
All members in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk*