

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

Chairman Fred Ruggio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:02 PM at the offices of the Shelton Economic Development Corporation, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, Connecticut.

The following commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Frederick Ruggio, Chairman  
Pat Carey

Doug Dempsey  
Karen McGovern

Absent: Kathleen McNichols-Marks

Also present: Aleta Miner, Clerk

**MEETING ON TAPE, ON FILE, CITY/TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (1 TAPE)**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

No one spoke at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Karen McGovern moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2017; seconded by Doug Dempsey; vote 4-0 motion passed.*

**SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDC) UPDATE**

Chairman Ruggio stated work will begin on 223 Canal Street. The Mayor is working with the State Historic Preservation Office. The bid award for the demolition of 223 Canal Street was approved at the recent Board of Aldermen meeting. The City of Shelton was recently awarded another grant from the CT DECD/Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development in the amount of \$200,000 for the property located at 267 Canal Street, also known as the Star Pin building. This grant will be applied toward the environmental assessment of the site.

**REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS**

**Community/Business Newsletter**

Chairman Ruggio discussed the Spring edition of the Shelton Life. It is the intention to have this ready by the end of April. Chairman Ruggio stated the Housatonic Valley Association, regular contributors, mentioned they might be running out of specific stories on Shelton. However, they cover a large area, and it was suggested they continue to contribute stories on the watershed. Commissioner Carey suggested reprinting stories they have written in the past. Another company asked to be included in the next edition, Blanchette Sporting Goods. One suggestion was made from a reader that they would like to see more captions on the pictures. Commissioner Dempsey commented he thought the recent edition was one of the best. Chairman Ruggio said purchase orders have been requested for the next edition.

**BUDGET**

**Current Budget**

The budget reflects a change of \$7,000 for purchase orders for Shelton Life. All of the major expenses will be incurred from now through June 30 – Flag Day, Art Show and Biennial Report.

**2017/2018**

The 2017/18 budget on behalf of the Economic Development Commission was approved at last month's meeting and has been submitted to Finance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Biennial Report**

Chairman Ruggio asked for recommendations on the content and the cover of this report. Suggestions need to be put in place prior to the actual layout of the report. Commissioner Carey thought possibly Bridgeport Avenue could be considered for a cover. Commissioner McGovern thought there wasn't much to showcase on Bridgeport Avenue as of this time. The Housatonic River was also mentioned as a possible cover. Drone pictures could be considered.

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Discussion already took place under Review and Update of Ongoing Projects.

**Phoenix Award**

This is a national competition which recognizes excellence in Brownfield Redevelopment. Chairman Ruggio read some of the questions that need to be addressed. The application process is quite involved. Chairman Ruggio said in Brattleboro, Vermont they started with a six-acre site that was part of a 137-acre business campus which formally housed an auto salvage yard. It is now the home of a yogurt/production facility. They were winners of the Phoenix Award. Discussion continued. Shelton certainly has accomplished a lot with brownfields.

(At this time Commissioner Dempsey left the meeting.)

Commissioner McGovern asked if this competition was once a year? Commissioner Carey asked if there were specific requirements on applying? It was agreed to review this further and ask Paul Grimmer for his opinion and maybe that of SEDC's licensed environmental professional and await for recommendations to the EDC to see if applying this year is feasible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 6:00 PM at the SEDC offices.

*There being no further business to come before this meeting, Pat Carey moved to adjourn at 6:36 PM; seconded by Karen McGovern; vote 3-0; motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,



Aleta Miner, Clerk

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: