

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING OF Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

PLACE: Mayor's Conference room
Government Center
888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT

ATTENDEES:

Economic Development Commission

Joel Selden, Chairman
Mike Pansini, Vice Chairman
Denis Patterson
Barry Haines
Fran Pastore

City of Stamford

Josh Lecar, Transportation Planner

Economic Development Staff

Mike Freimuth
Lenora Cavaliero

Vice Chairman Mike Pansini opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes:

The Minutes of March 25, 2008 were moved and accepted.

Energy Improvement District

An EID Board was selected and approved. Membership of the Board includes Joel Selden, Bob Hartt and Polly Rauh. Currently a Republican seat needs to be filled to complete the Board. Notices were sent to property owners within the district and the new EID Board will be inaugurated shortly.

General Session:

Climate Control was discussed and Stamford is 1 of 40 founding members of Climate Communities. Last years report from UBS that discussed changing investing patterns because of global warming led in part, to the city's decision to join.

Light Rail

Josh Lecar presented a preliminary study of a light rail system for Stamford to the Commissioners. Stamford is currently facing growth and work force business demand and is seeking ways to get people out of their cars.

The light rail system would tie together the various elements of Stamford's downtown core with the retail hub at Bull's Head and the new development node at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Atlantic Street in the South End (Antares).

The Commissioners would be interested in the city's progress especially with the economic development aspect of a light rail system.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2008

Respectively submitted,

Lenora Cavaliero
Office of Economic Development Staff