

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING OF Tuesday, OCTOBER 21, 2008

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

ATTENDEES:

Economic Development Commission

Joel Selden, Chairman

Denis Patterson

Barry Haines

Mike Pansini

Fran Pastore

Economic Development Staff

Mike Freimuth

Lenora Cavaliero

City of Stamford Staff

Kip Bergstrom

Chairman Joel Selden called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2008 was made by Denis Patterson and seconded by Mike Pansini and approved.

Presentation by Kip Bergstrom

Kip Bergstrom, URC Executive Director presented an observation to the Board on how Stamford looked to him at the start of his career as first Economic Development Director in 1998 and his first impressions of Stamford after 10 years as he joins URC. He focused on Stamford's fast growth with a continuous path of development progressing throughout the city, offering the latest technology and a surplus in young talent in financial services that lends itself to helping the city to become a higher end city.

Bergstrom made note of the vast amount of changes that have occurred during the past decade and compared the type of development in a less complex time of 1998 to a new Stamford 10 years later.

He also suggested bringing in the CEO's of Stamford's larger companies to become significantly more involved with key city county and metro stakeholders.

There followed a general discussion on global conditions, foreign immigration, high speed rail, and environmental conditions leading to ever more economic change.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the mayor's conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Office of Economic Development Staff

This is a Draft of 10-21-08 minutes for Town Clerk office to be approved at next meeting.