

**MINUTES**  
**STAMFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF Tuesday, January 16, 2007**

TIME: 5:00 pm  
PLACE: Government Center  
Mayor's Conference Room 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

**ATTENDEES:**

Economic Development Commission

Joel Selden, Chairman  
Michael Pansini, Vice Chairman  
Denis Patterson  
Barry Haines

Economic Development Staff

Mike Freimuth  
Lenora Cavaliero

City of Stamford Planning Board

Jay Tepper  
Claire Fishman  
Rose Marie Grosso  
Duane Hill  
Robin Stein  
Teri Dell

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Chairman Joel Selden opened the meeting at 5:10 pm

Minutes

Selden moved we accept the Minutes of December 19, 2007 and Denis Patterson seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Annual Report Discussion and Adoption

Mike Freimuth discussed the annual report and noted changes that will be made as a result of the comments received from Commissioners Denis Patterson and

Barry Hines as well as edits from Commissioner Pansini. Freimuth reviewed each item in the report and explained the requirements that are expected from the Office of Economic Development and the Economic Development Commission Board.

Freimuth explained the involvement with multiple Boards and Commissions as listed in this report with service to the Enterprise Zone Commission and the Old Town Hall Redevelopment Agency and Office of Economic Development's active involvement as liaison to a variety of organizations from arts and entertainment groups, to chambers and regional development organizations.

After completion of his review and summary stressing the involvement and the various fronts that the Office of Economic Development continues to be responsible for, the Commissioners' unanimously approved the report for submission to the Board of Representatives. [This report is on file with the Office of Economic Development and is available via city webpage].

### Planning Board

The Planning Board was invited to join the Economic Development Commission Board meeting this evening. The purpose was to allow an opportunity for each of the Boards to exchange ideas and discuss any concerns.

Mayor Malloy joined the meeting and he shared some detailed information regarding the developments in Stamford.

Listed are some of the items discussed:

- Downtown area developments
- Heights of the buildings
- The hotel developments over the past three years (to date 2500 units)
- The need for investing infrastructure to attract investments
- Traffic problems
- Long Ridge Road Properties

- Condo market verses rental housing in downtown
- “Holes in the ground”
- South End

The Mayor elaborated on these items and welcomed the Board members response/concerns so that he could respond to their questions.

Planning Board member Duane Hill stated that the Master Plan (five years ago) talked about such infrastructure developments. He said a more robust decision on spending is needed. Both he and Mayor Malloy agreed the need for infrastructure and a need to step it up while protecting the City’s Triple A rating.

#### Energy discussion

Freimuth said a demonstration for this building is being planned; to take it off the electric grid and putting in a micro generator. He said it would bring the latest tech into the building, and serve as an example to other buildings.

Rose Marie Grosso questioned where has anyone seen this done in and what have been the results? In answer to her question, Selden shared his knowledge of how it works well in Europe and Freimuth added that South America also has it in place and it physically works very well.

#### Growth

Hill questioned what areas in the City would be seen as growth areas. Freimuth explained that the growth would focus more on South End and downtown, the Westside area and along West Main Street through East Main Street.

#### Master Plan

Selden proposed questions to Robin Stein regarding the City’s industrial space and how it could be used for entertainment or other high uses. Selden is not aware of any available space. Stein said we must be cautious with re-zoning industrial zone properties to other uses.

Both boards expressed satisfaction with the concept of an annual joint Commission meeting and indicated that it can serve as an opportunity to meet each other members and to gain expertise from each. Going forward, such future meetings will serve as a viable source of communication.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 8:30 am in the Mayor's Conference room.

Respectively submitted,

Lenora Cavaliero

**THESE MINUTES ARE A DRAFT**  
**APPROVAL EXPECTED AT THE NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED**  
**FOR:**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007**