

TOWN OF NEWTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
November 9, 2010
MINUTES

Chairwoman Logan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Russo called the roll: Mr. Hayek, Dr. Woodhull, Ms. Joice, Mr. Prendergast, Dr. Clark and Chairwoman Logan were present. Mayor Becker and John Zwahl were excused. Chairwoman Logan stated that the Open Public Meetings Act had been complied with.

Dr. Woodhull moved the minutes of September 14, 2010 as presented, seconded by Dr. Clark. All were in favor.

Chairwoman Logan commenced a discussion on the types of businesses that we would be interested in for the Spring Street area. Mr. Russo disseminated a list of companies that he and the mayor have sent letters to.

Proposed businesses discussed by the Commission:

1. CardSmart
2. Pier One
3. David's Bridal
4. FYE
5. Gap
6. H&M
7. Five Guys Burgers and Fries
8. Everything Homemade
9. Replacement movie theatre company – perhaps a dinner theatre concept
10. Camera Store
11. Payless or DSW
12. Unfinished furniture
13. Candy store (non-chocolate)
14. Arcade
15. Current businesses found in Lafayette Village or Downtown Chester
16. Italian Ice

Mr. Russo will work on obtaining addresses of the aforementioned businesses. Also, Mr. Russo will check to see if transfer dollars are available so that the EDC brochure/packet can be ordered in 2010.

Chairwoman Logan led a discussion on the EDC website/webpage. The Commission would like the current list of vacancies on Spring Street to be listed on same. The list of vacancies shall be emailed by Mr. Russo to Dr. Woodhull for inclusion on the GNCC website. A discussion ensued about having a forum on the EDC website/webpage. Mr. Russo advised that he is not in favor of that at this time but will consider something along those lines in the future.

A motion was made by Chairwoman Logan, seconded by Mr. Hayek, to approve the 2011 Calendar of Meetings as presented. All were in favor.

Mr. Russo to check if any member terms expire on the EDC at the end of this calendar year.

Mr. Russo brought the EDC up to date on the Council discussions regarding the proposed Business Improvement District (BID) for Main Street Newton.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Woodhull, seconded by Dr. Clark. All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas S. Russo, Jr.".

Thomas S. Russo, Jr.
Town Manager