

Economic Development Commission Meeting

Monday, February 6th, 2023, at 6:30

In Person and Via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**: Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
2. **Members in Attendance**: Sam Cherenzia, Christopher Anderson, Emily Lewis, Will Mason, Stefan Grufstedt and Mariah Pfiffner
3. **Members absent**: Jen Anderson
4. **Staff Present**: Christine Dias and Ivanna Hugo
5. **Approval of Minutes**: December, January and January special meeting minutes were all approved.
6. **Public Comment**: None
7. **Treasurer's Report**: All memberships have been paid and to date have used less than ½ budget.
8. **PZDO Report**: Need to repost the job again, still contracting with COG for a planning official, working on contracting a zoning official and will probably begin to reach areas as far as Massachusetts and New York as well as colleges.
9. **New Business**:
 - a. Discussion with Juliet (consultant for Plan of Conservation and Development)- There will be a mixture of public sessions and zoom sessions for economic development feed back as well as a survey that will go out. Committee should be thinking of goals and look at the impact of pandemic on businesses and staffing. Strategic plan could work into POCD and could be a smaller time frame instead of ten years. Also looking at impact of sewer and water. Discussion about Ledge Light and Nicole said she would gladly bring back any feedback to the Ledge Light committee. Also look at impact of housing on the EDC plan. For next meeting we will continue to work on goals and what was should have included in POCD.
 - b. Small Business Grant- Little Man's Diner \$10,000

Chris Anderson made the motion to approve the funding, Mariah Pfiffner made the second, Will Mason abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Grant fund has spent \$56,000 to date with \$43,000 remaining. Businesses have until May 15th to submit.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM Chris Anderson made motion. Mariah Pfiffner made the second.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Lewis, EDC Secretary