

City of Darien
****Rescheduled Meeting****
Minutes Economic Development Committee
Thursday, February 8, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM. Committee members present were Bill Carpenter, Jonathan Christ, Lou Mallers, Tom Papais, Bob Taft, and Steve Wernecke. Also present was City Planner Jordan Yanke.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2023

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. New Business

a) Business Visits – Assignments for Ward 6

b) Business Visits – Discussion on Timeline and Completion

The Committee went through the list of businesses within Ward 6 and several businesses were assigned to members for visits. Staff and the Committee discussed the objective and general timeline of completion for the visits. Upon projected completion in late 2024 staff and the Committee will develop a report with findings based on feedback from business owners and other representatives so it can be presented to the City Council.

5. Old Business

a) Monthly Update – Concept Plans & Key Areas Discussion

City Planner Jordan Yanke stated there are no substantial updates on any of the key areas. The Committee was updated on current zoning/development cases and that discussions efforts are ongoing regarding Chestnut Court.

6. Staff Updates & EDC Member Updates

Chairperson Papais gave update on Chamber of Commerce activities with mention of Darien Dash, Nigh on Broadway, and DarienFest 2024. He also mentioned a meeting request that was sent to the Mayor to discuss the Committee's role in beautification projects and a possible incentive program overhaul. An update will be provided to the Committee during its next meeting.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2024.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

APPROVED: _____
CHAIRPERSON