

City of Darien
Minutes Economic Development Committee
Thursday, July 8, 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Chairman Bryan Gay. Other Committee Members present were: Matthew Weberling, Nick Pitzer, Louis Mallers, Brian Liedtke, and Thomas Papais. Also present was City Clerk JoAnne Ragona, who swore in members of the Committee.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2021

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. New Business

a) *Meet & Greet with Darien Chamber of Commerce*

Due to limited attendance, this agenda item will be scheduled for a later meeting date, most likely September or October.

b) **EDC Initiatives/New Topics for Remainder of 2021**

Discussion took place regarding an Economic Development Workshop that is being planned and is proposed for a later date in 2021. Goal of the Workshop will be to assess where the City is at in regards to Economic Development and what objectives can and should be accomplished in the short and long-term future. Targeted audience for the Workshop will be the Economic Development Committee, in addition to other City bodies such as the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

5. Old Business

a) **Previous Follow Up/Hanging Matters**

General discussion took place pertaining to new projects within the City. A brief update was given on the proposed Darien Heights apartment complex (Sokol Court).

Finally, discussion ensued surrounding the City's Comprehensive Plan as it relates to projects throughout the City and how it may relate to the proposed Economic Development Workshop. Staff is to share the City's Comprehensive Plan with all EDC Members.

6. Next Scheduled Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 5, 2021.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.