

**Economic Development Commission
Minutes
March 1, 2010**

Members Present: Richard Nunn, Chairman
Joseph Mirra, Vice-Chairman
Mark Gingras
Jim Wolfe

Members Absent: Tom Collette
Gary Fappiano
Rosemarie Preneta

Others Present: Don Roe
Doreen DeSarro

Chairman Dick Nunn called the regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission to order at 6:38 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes dated February 1, 2010** – Mark Gingras made a motion to approve the February 1, 2010 minutes as mailed; Joe Mirra seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.
2. **P&Z Subcommittee Workshop: IX and I-5 Zones Discussion** – Staff went over the regulations for both zones; they also discussed the timeline and history of the requests for regulation changes and the EDC's responses to such. The EDC reviewed a letter sent to the Planning & Zoning Commission stating its position about proposed changes to the zoning regulations to the I-5 zone; the members agreed that their position has not changed since that time.
3. **Staff Reports on Marketing Program and Downtown/WCI** – Doreen DeSarro distributed and reviewed the marketing report for January and February. There were no questions.
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - **Retention/Incentives** – No report.
 - **Marketing: Update on Survey Project** -- Members discussed their work on the surveys. Mark Gingras asked members to try to coordinate visits with their partners; this will facilitate having surveys completed at the time of the interview. He also asked that members turn in any completed surveys as they are completed so the subcommittee can start compiling results.
5. **Regional Matters**
 - **Central CT Alliance for Economic Development** – No report.

- **New Haven Manufacturers Association** – Since joining this association in January, Don Roe said that he has and will be forwarding to the EDC e-mails from them concerning items of interest. If members do not wish to receive these e-mails, he asked that the office be notified.
- **Regional Growth Partnership** – No report.
- **Workforce Alliance** – Joe Mirra said that there is some stimulus money available for training. He wondered if the EDC would like to sponsor a meeting with a few companies who use customer service representatives, like Verizon, Edible Arrangements, ThermoSpa and Fosdick. The courses would be held at Middlesex Community College. *It was agreed that staff should talk with Chris from Workforce Alliance to get further details and then call some of companies to see if there is any interest.*
- **Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce** – No report.

There being no further business, Jim Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.; Joe Mirra seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Wolff