Regular Meeting
8:00 a.m. May 17, 2016
Chapman Room

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 8:18 a.m. in the Chapman Room of City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Caron, Kelly Olinger, Steve Flanagan, John Gill, Matthew Embers, and Owen Beitsch (@8:28 a.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Maura Weiner, Patrick Chapin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dori Stone, Kyle Dudgeon, Laura Neudorffer, Lindsey Hayes

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:
A. Approval of the April 19, 2016 Minutes
Motion made by John Gill, seconded by Steve Flanagan, to approve the April 19, 2016 minutes. Motion passes 5-0

ACTION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:
A. Discussion with Commissioner Weldon:
Introductions were made to Commissioner Weldon to familiarize him with Board and Staff along with welcoming new Board Member, Matthew Embers.

Commissioner Weldon feels the EDAB focus group comments are in line with the Visioning themes. Mr. Caron, Board Chair, reiterated what the Board feels/sees their role to be as an advisory group. Discussion ensued regarding the need for guidelines for building/developing on Park Ave, Morse Blvd, New England Ave, and perhaps those could be used as an example for Orange Ave. Topic of how to better utilize the code to guide/regulate what is developed was brought up using the Mt. Vernon Inn site as an example. Staff and Board members agreed there should be some flexibility to the Planning and Building Codes in order to allow and promote better development, otherwise the City will continue to see the same types of buildings and structures. Corridors and the possibility and consideration of annexation of adjacent areas was brought to the table by Commissioner Weldon. He would also like to bring some cohesive financial guidelines to the table as some of the corridors have some depth for development.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Stone informed the Board that some names have been submitted for the GrowFL award as discussed at the prior meeting.

Next meeting scheduled June 21, 2016. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

John Caron, Chairperson

Laura Neudorffer, Board Liaison

Economic Development Advisory Board