



# TOWN of THOMPSON

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Minutes: Economic Development Commission

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Second Floor Conference Room, Town Hall, 6:30 P.M.

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#### I. Call to Order

1. Chairman Brian Yacino called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. Members Present: JoAnn Hall, H. Charles Obert, and Brian Yacino
3. Members Absent: Brian Santos, and John Sharpe
4. Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary  
Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development.
5. Also Present: Steve Herbert, and Ken Beausoleil

#### II. Approval of Minutes

1. June 15, 2016
  - a. **JoAnn Hall moved and H. Charles Obert seconded the motion to approve the June 15, 2016 meeting minutes.**  
JoAnn Hall- Yes      H. Charles Obert- Yes      Brian Yacino- Yes  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. Reports

1. Treasurer
  - a. JoAnn Hall reported that no funds had been spent to date.
2. Update on Businesses in Town
  - a. The Commission discussed the closing of Tropical Treatz, the new Dunking Donuts, Famous Franks' renovation, C-TEC solar farm on Ballard Rd., and the demolition at the former Del Rio's site.

#### IV. Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items

1. S. Herbert thanked M. A. Chinatti for the recording of a previous EDC meeting, and stated that he is looking forward to hearing what the Commission has to say about branding.

#### V. Old Business

1. Discussion Regarding NECCOG Branding Study
  - a. The Commission discussed the next steps for the branding study. B. Yacino stated that NECCOG would not have time for a stakeholders meeting until September.
  - b. M. A. Chinatti stated that the list of stakeholders should be presented to NECCOG once everyone who is on the list has agreed to be on the committee, and that there should be at least one person to represent each category on the list that NECCOG provided.
  - c. The Commission came up with more names to add to the list.
  - d. H. C. Obert agreed to draft a letter to invite people to join the committee.

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2. Thompson Business Association Update
  - a. B. Yacino stated that the TBA meetings are the second Wednesday of the month, and there is a whole new slate of officers, including Charlene Langlois as president. He would like to see a TBA presence at Community Day this year.
  - b. The Commission discussed the directional business signs.

VI. New Business

1. H. C. Obert stated that work is being done on the Airline Trail in Thompson, and there is a possibility that a new bridge will be visible at the 395 exit. He stated that he thinks it is important to give the bridge and trail some consideration in regards to branding, and he likes the thought of incorporating a bicycle theme.
2. H. C. Obert left the meeting at 7:30 PM. The meeting ended as there was no longer a quorum present.

VII. Correspondence: None

VIII. Comments by Commission Members: None

IX. Next Meeting

1. August 17, 2016: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

X. Adjourn: None

Tina Fox  
Recording Secretary