



# TOWN of THOMPSON

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### **Minutes: Economic Development Commission**

**Wednesday, August 17, 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, Brian Santos, and Brian Yacino
3. Members Absent: John Sharpe
4. Staff Present: Tina Fox, Recording Secretary
5. Also Present: Ken Beausoleil, Paul Baer, and Steve Herbert

#### II. Approval of Minutes

1. July 20, 2016
  - a. **JoAnn Hall moved and H. Charles Obert seconded the motion to approve the July 20, 2016 meeting minutes with the following correction:**
    1. Page 1, Section III(2): Insert "...opening of..." before "Dunkin Donuts", and change "Dunking Donuts" to Dunkin Donuts.

JoAnn Hall- Yes	H. Charles Obert- Yes
Brian Santos- Yes	Brian Yacino- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. Reports

1. Treasurer
  - a. J. Hall reported that there is \$52,638.42 available.
2. Update on Businesses in Town
  - a. The Commission discussed the progress at the new Dunkin Donuts, the burning of the building that was formerly Del Rios, a special bike event at the Thompson Speedway, and Famous Franks' expansion,

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

1. Paul Baer, Thompson Road, stated that there is an email address listed on Thompson's website for EDC that is not a Town email. He listed some typos/errors on the EDC section of Thompson's website. He suggested that any business listed on Thompson's website should be compliant with laws and up-to-date on their filings in the Secretary of State's office. He pointed out that website links for businesses listed on the website do not work. The Commission briefly discussed the list of businesses on the website, and how to insure businesses listed are compliant with laws. P. Baer suggested that if a business applies to be listed on the website, the business should provide the Town with that information, and stated that a business on the Town's website should have, at minimum, basic licensing/certification.

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2. Steve Herbert, Wilsonville Road, asked if the Commission would be discussing the letter to send to potential stakeholders. He stated that it was nice of H. C. Obert to draft a letter, and J. Hall to edit it. He believed M. A. Chinatti's draft was good, but he would suggest expanding the abbreviations and including a person's title next to their name,

V. Old Business

1. Discussion Regarding NECCOG Branding Study

- a. B. Yacino distributed the stakeholder invitation letter that M. A. Chinatti had written with his own edits and suggestions. The Commission went over these edits.
- b. The Commission discussed adding a few more names to the list of stakeholders.
- c. **H. Charles Obert moved and Brian Santos seconded the motion to move this letter forward as edited.**

JoAnn Hall- Yes

H. Charles Obert- Yes

Brian Santos- Yes

Brian Yacino- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Thompson Business Association (TBA) Update

- a. B. Yacino stated that a new slate of officers is running the TBA. Monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Movement Mill (1020 Riverside Dr.).

VI. New Business

1. Thompson Community Day

- a. The Commission discussed whether or not they would be able to have a presence at Community Day. H. C. Obert agreed that if the TBA will be there, he would represent EDC with them.

VII. Correspondence

1. Letter from Brian Loffredo

- a. B. Yacino stated that he will contact B. Loffredo for next month. It was suggested that B. Loffredo be added to the stakeholders list. The Commission also discussed the fact that there is now an alternate member for EDC, Bob Larkin.

VIII. Comments by Commission Members

1. H. C. Obert discussed the airline trail bridge.

IX. Next Meeting

1. September 21, 2016: 6:30 pm, Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

X. Adjourn

1. **H. Charles Obert moved and JoAnn Hall seconded the motion to adjourn.**

JoAnn Hall- Yes

H. Charles Obert- Yes

Brian Santos- Yes

Brian Yacino- Yes

**The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Chairman B. Yacino adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

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