

New Haven Economic Development Committee

REVISED

Monday, January 29, 2024

NH Public Works Facility

205 Industrial Drive

12 p.m.

(lunch provided by City)

Agenda

Members: Kathy Trentmann, Josh Hoener, Jason Addison, Dave Engelbrecht, Michelle Otten, Tim Otten, Gary Rustige, Lydia Placht, Stephanie Gutierrez

1. Called to Order- The meeting was called to order by Kathy Trentmann
2. Approval of Minutes, pages 1-2 – minutes approved by Tim Otten and Dave Engelbrecht
3. Discussion / committee members updates
 - a. Re-election of Secretary- Stephanie Gutierrez volunteered to take minutes.
 - b. UPRR River and Railroad Development, page 3- Gary Rustige brought up a potential opportunity with the Railroad to utilize land near Kellwood off of Orchard Street for storing cars and a river transport. This could be a major source of revenue and have low impact. The railroad would in turn, cover the infrastructure needs of the project and other support for the downtown area.
 - i. Currently the best port example is New Florence, MO which sends 6-8 barges of mulch a year to Chicago and loads them in Louisiana, MO. We are closer. RR would foot the bill for infrastructure. It was noted that the tracks running through New Haven are considered a heavy haul, highspeed run and the need for better infrastructure in the downtown area.
 - ii. Kathy will speak to the Corp of Engineers. Gary will organize a meeting with Mr. Maczuk and a separate meeting with his contact at the railroad.
 - c. Grant opportunities
 - i. Stephanie brought up Exceed and Strategic Belonging, both programs run through the Missouri Extension, University of Missouri. The Exceed program provides high-quality research and capacity building support for communities, governments, among other entities. This includes their Strategic Doing Program. They can assist us with a strategic plan, gathering our team and other folks from the community, to align our vision and develop an action plan through a one-day gathering.

1. The first step is a meeting with Professor Alan Spell, Director of Exceed and 2-3 members of the committee.
2. Stephanie has scheduled a zoom call with Alan on Monday, Feb. 12th at 9am. Kathy, Dave, and Stephanie will attend the meeting at Citizens Bank and provide details to the group after. Discussion included the importance of having other voices at the visioning session. More discussion to follow.
- d. County and State Resources for economic development assistance
 - i. Stephanie mentioned that most state resources are directed at specific projects or dollars for specific needs like broadband, historic preservation, or block grants for low-income communities. We need to continue to watch for announcements that may apply to NH needs.
- e. City of New Haven Comprehensive Plan update, Economic Development, (this will be a city budget item FY 2024-25), pages 4-7
 - i. The Mayor and Kathy discussed the city's goal of getting a comprehensive plan complete. A request of proposal will be going on soon.
 - ii. Dollars for the outcomes of this committee will be included. The amount is unknown at this time. The strategic plan will help to define the amount needed.
 - iii. How do we plan to finance purchases for development?
The need for land was discussed, followed by the need for a plan first. Moving on this strategic planning will help to define what the needs will be.
4. Set location for next meeting (April 22, 2024, noon)
 - a. Meetings will continue to happen at the Public Works Facility.
5. Adjourn – a motion was made by Stephanie and seconded by Michelle to adjourn the meeting.