

WINDHAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Minutes for Tuesday, April 12 2016 Regular Meeting
Windham Town Hall, 1st floor Meeting Room, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT

Voting Members Present: Pam DeVivo, Robert Horrocks, Victor Funderburk **Voting Members Absent:** None **Voting Members Excused:** Bill Hettinger, John McCommas **Guests Present:** Kathleed Krider, Program Coordinator, Access to Work, Access Agency; Chris McNaboe, Thread City Development; Karen Gilbransen, Thread City Development; **Staff Present:** James V. Bellano, Windham Town Director of Economic Development; Dagmar Noll, Clerk **Public Present:** None

I. Call to Order – R. Horrocks called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

II. Citizens & Delegations Community Comments/Questions – None.

III. Guest Speaker: Kathleen Krider, Program Coordinator, Access to Work, Access Agency

K. Krider noted that they have a 6-month grant to look at employment gaps in Willimantic and solutions for addressing those barriers. Discussion about the challenges for people rising out of poverty in our area.

IV. Review of Minutes – P. DeVivo MOVED to approve the minutes from March 8, 2016. V. Funderburk SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

V. Old Business

A) Changes to Tax Incentives

Brief discussion. Tabled until next meeting.

VI. New Business

A) Discussion an possible action on funding for printing Windham Flyers

K. Gilbransen and Chris McNaboe described the rack cards Thread City Development is interested in printing that are recommended by Mystic Country. These would be used to bring to the Mystic brochure swap for distribution across the state. P. DeVivo MOVED to grant the money for printing and design of 5000 rack cards to Thread City Development in the amount of \$755 and Thread City will provide documentation of in-kind contribution as part of the partnership. V. Funderburk SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

VII. Economic Development Director's Report

J. Bellano reported that he received communication from Demetrio Ricciardone, Savings Institute, regarding a discussion with the owners of A Cupcake for Later about on-street parking time limits in Downtown Willimantic. Discussion about current problem spots and best practice responses to these problems. Bellano updated the group on the Brownsfield Grant. Bellano will be helping the Police Department apply for a community policing grant. Work on putting new tenants in the Sears building in North Windham is going well. Discussion about other available buildings and development of Jillson Square as an entertainment venue.

VIII. Chairman's Report

None.

IX. Other reports/correspondence/announcements

None.

X. Citizens & Delegations Comments/Questions

None.

XI. Adjourn 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted by D. Noll, Clerk

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