

# Economic Development Committee

Minutes: September 18, 2019

Community Development Conference Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown

## 12:02 p.m.

EDC Members Present: Steven Baker, Lisa Westervelt, Bernice Steisel

Excused: Regina Cassidy, Trevor McCarthy, Julie Knapp, Hersh Schwartz

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Steven Baker temporary Chair.

Public Statements: none

Camoin Report: the EDC has been invited to a joint meeting/work session with the Select Board on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm [exact time TBD] to discuss the strategies and action items in the Camoin economic development report. Steve Baker described how he and Regina Cassidy had participated in the process including the focus groups and the forums. He suggested that perhaps there is some “low hanging fruit” that can be moved forward and that the EDC can help push a few along.

Discussion around individual strategies within the various goals included better defining a few terms such as “blue economy” and “accelerator.” There was overall consensus to recommend that the EDC re-convene members of the various focus groups around each theme to review the strategies within each goal. Some strategies are very broad and far-reaching and included other agencies across the Cape such as IFAW, WHOI, Stellwagon Bank. Members agreed that starting with the local agencies, such as Coastal Studies, to find out where they were within each goal and get their input on how to proceed. These agencies and various boards would be part of the Team to move forward. Members thought they could place topics on agendas and invite various entities for a discussion. Members could also attend other meetings such as Chamber of Commerce or PBG for further discussions on tourism and ED activities.

Micro & Macro Grants 2019/2020 Cycle: members reviewed draft grant guidelines and application documents along with timeline. Members agreed to add language to be drafted by Steve Baker to highlight goals and strategies in the Camoin report and that applications that make that connection may get priority or additional consideration.

Steve Baker MOVE to approve grant guidelines, application, and timeline as presented with additional language to be added for grant priorities and info date; Bernice Steisel second; approved 3-0.

Minutes: Steve Baker MOVE to approve the minutes for 4/8/19 and 5/30/19 as presented; Lisa Westervelt second; approved 3-0.

Other: Michelle Jarusiewicz highlighted the upcoming Lower Cape Housing Institute education program and a new Provincetown Buy-Down program

Adjourned 1:43 pm

*Minutes drafted by:*

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