

Minutes: Economic Development Committee in May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

Call to order at 6:00.

In attendance, Mayor Byrne, Vice President Naji-Taylor, President Hover, Tiara Orange (in person),  
Virtual: Councilmember Robert Curry

Borough Manager Craig Totaro, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Jozwiak, LEDC Executive Director Deb Brodeur, Chair of LEDC Bill Brown.

The meeting began with an Executive Session to interview a candidate for The Redevelopment Authority.

Action:

The Mayor intends to appoint Tiara Orange to the Redevelopment Authority. The Econ Development Committee recommends approval.

2. Community Development Block Grant updates: McKinley Lot construction beginning; Solar tables arriving in Hays Park within a month. Craig Totaro reported that the Borough needs to build the pads for the solar tables; Discussion about ARP fund. Econ Development Committee recommends spending \$100,000 to close the costs from the McKinley Avenue Tot Lot. Economic Development Committee also recommends to us \$100,000 on Bicycle Facilities Plan

3. LEDC—Contracts are settled with the LEDC. The Business Collaborative is operating.

4. Lansdowne Business and Professional Association updates: June 16-7pm-10pm: summer market

5. Code Enforcement Report: Director of Code Enforcement: Reported Violations: 36; Use and Occupancy: 15; Conditional use and occupancies: 3; 47 permits; 33 instatickets—6 paid.

—Two new hires in code enforcement. Proactive enforcement taking place.

—No Harb applications

—Planning commission: Habitat for Humanity presented on houses for Dudley Avenue. Planning Commission

—0 pending zoning applications.

—offer accepted for code enforcement; Council to ratify employment at next Council

—May 23rd

6. Comprehensive Planning Update: Public meeting at June 16th—6:30

7. NV5 Design—Meeting with LEDC Board and Farmer's Market Committee. LSA grant application for \$1,000,000.

8. Gateway slope—No work being done. Questions about the contractor. What is the status?

9. Tiara Orange—LBPA presented on a Night Market with use of the Landing and the front lot.

10. Public Comment:

LEDC Update: Finishing facade grant program; Reported that Bonnie's plans to install window that the HARB did approve?;

West Wings is working on facade as well; Nilaa coffee roasters and camelia coffee. Question about participation in

Comprehensive Plan. Charlie Schmehl will be reaching out to stakeholders.

Discussion ensued that HARB cannot approve windows. We need a clear process for applicants to understand the process. Recommendation for a cover sheet.

11. LGBTQIA Pride Resolution recommended for Council.

12. Earned Income Tax: Opened discussion on the change of Earned Income Tax from .5% to 1% at Finance and Administration. If the Real Estate tax drops how does this affect the real estate values?

Adjourn meeting at 6:57.