

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF NEW HAVEN

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of New Haven was held on May 27, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at the office of the South Central Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT.

Present in person were David Silverstone, Kelly Murphy, Mayor John DeStefano Jr., Mubarakah Ibrahim, Bitsy Clark and President and CEO of the Corporation Michele Whelley.

The first order of business was to review and approve the Minutes of the April 29, 2008 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon Motion duly made and Seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

The next order of business was an update on staffing. Michele Whelley announced Carlos Eyzaguirre as the new Business Development Director. He will focus on business retention and neighborhood business revitalization. We also have two interns who are working on updating the business database. Michele Whelley stated that the EDC will be interviewing three people for the position of Economic Development Officer.

The next order of business was an update on initiatives. Michele Whelley stated that the EDC is still collecting information on developing criteria for the neighborhood business initiative. Michele met with The Whalley Avenue Association to discuss their work plan. David Silverstone asked "Will there be a written memorandum?" Michele Whelley stated that there will be an established work plan and that this will be a three way partnership between the organization, the EDC and the City. Kelly Murphy stated that we should remember that both groups are different so the work plans will need to be different.

Michele Whelley stated that she has scheduled over 25 meetings with New Haven businesses and she is very pleased with the way businesses have received her. She is working to schedule as many as possible in the upcoming months.

The next meeting will be held at the EDC board room at 195 Church Street on June 23, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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Secretary