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Comprehensive Economical Development Strategy Meeting
April 28, 2011
Rochester Community Center, Rochester, NH
Minutes
Meeting 6

Members: Dan Barufaldi, Deb Shipman, John Hall, Lin Tamulonis, Robert Jaffin, Steve Cates, Karen Pollard, Jennifer Flannery, Christine Davis, Dennis McCann and Rick Foster

SRPC Staff: Cynthia Copeland, Michelle Auen and Marilyn Barton

1. Welcome/Introductions

M. Auen welcomed everyone to the meeting at 8 a.m.

2. News and events

M. Auen gave an overview of the last meeting on April 14, 2011. M. Auen stated Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) had a meeting with Economic Development representatives and staff from Congressman Guinta's office on April 27, 2011 and noted Durham and Rochester did presentations on potential EDA projects and thought both presentations were great. M. Auen stated they also received great feedback on the projects. K. Pollard stated she thought it went very well and thought it was very enlightening.

It was noted that June 5, 2011 is when the EDA grant applications are due and M. Auen stated she would contact Alan Brigham of the region EDA office to see if our group can qualify.

3. Progress in CEDS Planning

M. Auen noted the vision and mission statements have been completed and added to the document with changes as discussed at the meetings. M. Auen stated she met with Charlie French and he went over the statements and gave some tips on formatting, etc. and the next step would be to work on the goals for Workforce Development and Resources and Environment. D. Barufaldi stated he was surprised to see so much emphasis on agriculture under Resources and Environment. D. Barufaldi stated it was also necessary to look at the natural and built environment to maintain quality. R. Jaffin stated built environment should be at the very top and not add too many objectives as it was his understanding that short-term objectives needed to be captured.

There was also discussion regarding the goal and that it should have the following added: "Support development of training and education relevant to business in the region." There was discussion regarding adding the term "incubator" to objective two. Under the second goal of Workforce Development it was discussed the goal should be Workforce Development/Education and Training. D. McCann asked under objective two, was there any feedback from UNH regarding business training and if not, there should be.

Under Resources and Environment, number two under actions should be changed to read: Identify need for and catalogue availability and develop food processing and storage facilities. There was discussion regarding farmers

markets in the area and in particular the northern sector of the region, it is challenging to find those. There was also discussion regarding having frozen capabilities at the farmers markets and M. Auen noted Charlie French was working on that.

K. Pollard noted Rochester is participating in the Arts and Economic Prosperity study and stated she was looking for an unpaid intern to work on this.

4. Project Listing Solicitation

M. Auen went over the CEDS project profile that was mailed out a couple of weeks ago. There was discussion regarding the Hope VI Redevelopment Plan and M. Auen stated she would check into that. It was noted the project solicitation project file would be sent out to members via email so it could be filled out electronically and would also be available on the SRPC website.

5. Next Steps

M. Auen noted once projects are received, they will be put in the matrix and prioritized into short-term, intermediate and long-term priority projects and would be utilizing Google docs and send out to everyone. It was noted M. Auen would send out to Dover and Rochester as a test run, to see if that document would work.

6. Closing Remark/Adjournment

M. Auen noted the next CEDS meeting would be on Tuesday, May 24th at 8 a.m. as SRPC is having their annual meeting/dinner and there is a lot of preparation involved with that. M. Barton noted that meeting is on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at The Oaks in Somersworth on 6 p.m. and invitations were mailed out. C. Copeland noted the public review for the document would begin on May 26, 2011 and go through June 27, 2011 and the public hearing would be on Tuesday, June 7 at 10 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by,
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