

# The Town of Brooklyn Economic Development Commission

Chairperson, Robert Simons

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*Meeting the First Tuesday of every month @ 4pm at the  
Clifford B Green Memorial Center*

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**Members present:** Cary Garcia, Robert Simons

**Absent with notification:** Chris Landis, Ronald Ventura

**Absent without notification:** Marybeth Leonard

**Members of the Public of Note:** AJ Kerouac – P&Z

### NO QUORUM

- 1) Call to order - Robert Simons, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:14 pm
- 2) Public Commentary:
  - Mr. Kerouac reports that he attended the solar farm informational meeting and felt that an EDC Coordinator could have played an important role in fighting for and ensuring a better economic return for Brooklyn.
  - Mr. Kerouac would like to see a meeting of representatives from all boards and commissions in Town to help with better communication and raise awareness of what each commission is working on. He noted that often members of one commission may not realize that an issue they are addressing affects another commission.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Lack of quorum. Minutes to be approved at next meeting.
- 4) Budget Review – Mr. Simons presented the EDC budget for 2017-2018 and will bring it to the next meeting for a vote. He verbally presented it to Mr. Ives.
- 5) Unfinished Business
  - a) Brooklyn Business Association (BBA)
    - Mrs. Garcia reported that the Annual Meeting was held in January. All officers will remain the same for 2017: President – Carla Demers, Vice President – Lyn LaCharite, Treasurer – Jo-Ann Chenail, Secretary – Cary Garcia.
    - The BBA is hoping to launch some new events including a wine tasting, movies in the park, and a mac and cheese cook-off. The car cruise will continue to be a main event in September.
    - Next meeting February 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - b) Business Recognition – no update

- c) EDC webpage - no update. Mrs. Garcia continues to request feedback from other commissioners. She sent an e-mail to everyone last week including links to other local towns for comparison.

6) New Business

- Mrs. Garcia will get paid for recording the minutes. She will contact Melissa Bradley about the process.
- Annual Report – Mr. Simons created a draft and will send out to members for feedback prior to sending it to Melissa Bradley.
- Mr. Simons passed out a DRAFT of goals for proposed part-time Economic Development Coordinator. This will be discussed at next meeting when there is a quorum.

7) Adjournment - 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cary Garcia, Secretary