

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, September 5, 2017

Members present: Marybeth Leonard Cary Garcia, Robert Simons **Absent with notice:** Chris Landis

Staff Present: Richard Ives, First Selectman **Members of the Public of Note:** AJ Kerouac – P&Z

- 1) Call to order - Robert Simons, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- 2) Approval of August minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Leonard and seconded by Mrs. Garcia. All in favor.
- 3) Public Commentary – None
- 4) Discussion with Mr. Ives:
 - a) The group had an in-depth discussion regarding the future of EDC and its role going forward, challenges with the current State budget situation, the challenges of getting new members, and the Commission's desire to attract new business to Brooklyn but having an unfriendly business image in the area.
 - b) The new Dunkin Donuts complex has a tenant. Nutmeg Mobile will be occupying one of the available spaces.
 - c) The available spaces in the Job Lot plaza remain unoccupied and rents remain high. The question most needing an answer was, "How to get current owners to be more interested in creating a more appealing façade"
 - d) Another question was, "How to get South Main Street commercial development kick-started?"
- 5) Unfinished Business
 - a) Brooklyn Business Association (BBA)
 - Movie night in the park – "Moana" will be shown Saturday, September 9th.
 - Car Cruise – Scheduled for Sunday, 9/24.
 - b) Business Recognition –
 - Three presentations took place in August at Pet Valu, Bodyworks Massage, and Spherion.
 - The discussion of the budget for future business recognitions was tabled for the time being.
 - c) Brooklyn Fall Festival – Mrs. Leonard reports that plans are progressing nicely.
- 6) A motion to adjourn was made at 5:15 p.m. by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Garcia. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cary Garcia, Secretary