

DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Town Council Chambers, 525 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo
October 6, 2015

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Colbert, Magan Arthur, Marc Hand, Dee Dee Iacopi (arrived at 9:20 a.m.), Deborah Knuckey, Kim Stuart, Nancy Altman.

Committee Members Absent: Rich Burns

Others Present: Town Manager Stutsman, Community Services Director Donery, Planning Director Semonian.

Call to Order: Chair Colbert called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2015: Upon motion by Rodgers and seconded by Knuckey, the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Open Time for Public Expression: Drew McEachron spoke about difficulties for merchants when downtown events close the Avenue. He also asked that holiday parking be limited to three hours with enforcement. Suzanne Lindelli asked that the Town consider allowing downtown residents to park parallel in front of their own driveway aprons, to increase downtown parking. She also asked to consider free lateral sewer replacements.

Discussion Items:

San Anselmo Business Retention Study – Update: The draft Business Retention Study is available and was distributed to members for review. Comments are due to Community Services Director Donery by October 23.

Presentation of the 2016 Economic Development Action Plan to Town Council – Report: Chair Colbert noted that he presented the Action Plan to the Town Council and it was well received. There were questions about allowing more outdoor seating and about what can be done about high rents.

Economic Development Action Plan – Status Report: With respect to the Action Plan, Rodgers reported that she has been looking for grants for lower San Anselmo Avenue. Knuckey suggested Knights grants for cities. Stuart reported that the EDC members have all been added to the Chamber mailing list. Work is progressing on the customer-friendly guide for permit applicants.

What's New in San Anselmo Businesses: Farmburger has opened at the Red Hill Shopping Center. Cucina will be coming back. True North pizza has closed at this time. La Loggia plans to reopen soon on Friday and Saturday nights.

Request for future agenda items: None

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