

DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Town Council Chambers, 525 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo
November 3, 2015

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Colbert, Marc Hand, Dee Dee Iacopi, Deborah Knuckey, Nancy Altman, Connie Rodgers.

Committee Members Absent: Magan Arthur, Rich Burns, Kim Stuart.

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 October 6, 2015: Drew McEachron clarified that he made a complaint about downtown events and their negative impact on downtown tenants, particularly foot businesses blocking his building and free ice cream taking away gelato sales. Upon motion by Rodgers and seconded by Knuckey, the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Open Time for Public Expression: Drew McEachron asked for the status of enforcing downtown parking restrictions for the holidays and was concerned with commuters parking for free all day. Connie Rodgers announced that the Chamber of Commerce open house event will correspond with the Town holiday lighting event on Saturday, December 5 and she provided details on the event. Community Services Director Donery indicated Magnolia Avenue would be closed for the event and the banner across Drake will be changed to cover both events.

Discussion Items:

Commercial Rental Market in San Anselmo – Presentation: Matt Storms, resident and real estate agent at Keegan & Coppin, described the San Anselmo commercial rental market and answered questions.

San Anselmo Business Retention Study – Update: Chair Colbert and Town staff reviewed comments on the draft Business Retention Study with Dr. Eyster and he is revising the draft. Comments on the plan are still being accepted.

Presentation of the 2016 Economic Development Action Plan to Planning Commission – Review: Chair Colbert noted that he presented the Action Plan to the Planning Commission and it was well received.

Economic Development Action Plan – Status Report: Committee members and staff present provided updates regarding the action plan. Connie Rodgers is looking into a former railroad “Peanut Car” and will visit the City of Fremont where rail cars have been used for retail.

Planning department staff will look into incentive programs for storefront improvement and beautification. The first draft of the Business Guide is on the town web site.

What's New in San Anselmo Businesses: The planning commission approved a use permit for Mathnasium, a math tutoring center for children, to open at 14 Ross. The tire store approved at 754 Sir Francis Drake has applied for building permits. Staff announced that the Planning Commission will have a discussion on short term rentals on November 16 and the Town Council will receive information on marijuana business uses on November 24. The chocolatier at 566 San Anselmo Avenue has closed. A new retail store Tumbleweeds has opened at 530 San Anselmo Avenue.

Request for future agenda items: None

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