

Darien Economic Development Committee

February 4, 2021

Call to order: 7:11pm

Darien City Council Chambers / Zoom

Members Present: Tina Beilke, Robert Hahn, Lou Mallers, Matt Weberling, and Nick Pitzer

Also present: Mary Sullivan

Public Comment – No public comment

Approval of January 7, 2021 minutes – Motion by Member Mallers, Second by Member Hahn. Minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

New Business –

- A. EDC Committee future goals / members – EDC members Nick & Lou discussed Darien Chamber past president Tom Papais and his significant interest in becoming an EDC member. Chairwoman Beilke asked for feedback from members interested in staying on the committee during the next term in June. All members present were interested except chairwoman Beilke, due to other commitments. Chairwoman Beilke would be interested in being involved in other ways. The committee will be needing a new chair for the upcoming term.

Old Business –

- A. Chamber of Commerce Integration Discussions – Chairwoman Beilke reported the chamber is still working on their strategy. They are finalizing their plan at the next February board meeting before presenting to the EDC. Mary Sullivan reiterated Mayor Marchese stance the city will not financially support the Darien Chamber as a department or assist membership through business license fees. Committee members are still waiting to find out how the chamber plans to reinvent themselves in the future.
- B. COVID-19 Calls to All Businesses – Member Mallers updated the committee on continual changes/challenges at Carriage Greens. Member Hahn reported having better success following up with businesses in person compared to phone calls. Covid-19 business calls / in-person follow ups will continue through February and reported in March.

Previous Follow Up – No Previous Items

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, March 4, 2021

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.