**Medford Township**

**Economic Development Advisory Commission**

**August 12, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Medford Municipal Building**

Present: Tom Juliano, Abbie Galie, Vittorio Anepete, Beth Portocalis, Jim Previti, Councilman Brad Denn, Mayor Watson

Absent: Joe Burgoyne, Mike Pagnotta

* Minutes from May were approved. Motion: Tom Second: Jim
* April Minutes tabled.

Presentation by Jon Reuther – Medford Complete Streets

* Complete Streets look at accommodating all users.
* Beth: Medford Lakes will be completing bike lanes on Dixontown Road.
* Medford’s Open Space and Recreation Plan coming this Fall.
* Collingswood has a very thorough Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.
* Master Plan discussion. Funding could be available through a grant from NJDOT Local Aid.
* An SRTS grant application is being prepared for Allen Ave and Union Street. Sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, widening on Allen Ave. NJDOT’s Design Assistance program could fund the design costs for the project.

**5 Commercial Districts (2021 champions)**

Update Google Spreadsheet of vacancies:

* Crossroads: Joe Burgoyne
	+ Tom heard that Luce is under new ownership
* Route 70 Corridor: Mike Pagnotta
	+ Application for old Verizon Store next to Cielito Lindo. Candy store and gift store.
* Medford Village: Abbie Galie
	+ Medford Mortgage building is up for sale.
	+ Sacred Crow is moving next to Farm Truck.
* Shops on Stokes: Vittorio Anepete
	+ Ironstone village was listed briefly.
* Tuckerton & Taunton: Jim Previti
	+ No update

**MBA Update**

* OktoberFest is on for September 18th at Freedom Park.
* Art and Wine Fest is on for September 19th on Main Street. Need volunteers.
* Historic Main Street Merchants is creating its own non-profit.
* Halloween parade is on for October 30th.
* Dickens Festival is a go.
* Ghost Tour coming back after Halloween

Adjourn: Motion: Jim, Second: Vittorio

Adjourned at 8:09 PM