**Medford Township**

**Economic Development Advisory Commission**

**October 14, 2021 – 7:00 pm  
Virtual via Zoom**

Present: Joe Burgoyne, Abbie Galie, Mike Pagnotta, Vittorio Anepete, Beth Portocalis, Councilwoman Lauren Kochnan

Absent: Tom Juliano, Jim Previti

**Minutes**

* Approval of September 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes
  + Motion: Mike Pagnotta Second: Abbie
  + Approved

**Old Business**

* Open Space and Recreation Plan is scheduled for the October Planning Board Meeting
* Mill and Himmelein Townhouses (Orleans) had to revise their plans but will not have them ready for the October Meeting. Will be on November’s Planning Board Meeting.

**Council Update**

* Councilwoman Kochnan stated that the Township awarded an RFP for 17-19 N Main to Magnify Brewery. Expect a public presentation from the developer in November. The plans will come to the Planning Board to approve. Then Council will have to approve.
* No movement on Library property yet, but now is a good time to discuss options if anyone has an interest.

**MBA Update**

* Labor Harmony Agreement (Bill S577) call to action with Downtown New Jersey. Councilwoman Kochnan would like to look into it further.
* OktoberFest attendance was record breaking.
* Art Wine and Music Festival attendance was down mainly due to September date when it is typically held in June.
* Friday after Halloween will be Haunted Main Street Ghost Tour.
* Will split Dickens Festival on December 4th with MBA and Main Street Merchants.
* MBA Happy Hour coming up at Tacos El Tio on Thursday.
* Food Truck Night on Main Street also Thursday.
* Fresh Fall Banners on Main Street fundraised between Main Street Merchants and Womens Association.
* Rotary is doing Halloween Parade 10/30
* Abbie presenting on November 16th at NJLOM.

**5 Commercial Districts (2021 champions)**

Update Google Spreadsheet of vacancies:

* Crossroads: Joe Burgoyne
  + Strip with Luce for sale. $1.3 Million
* Route 70 Corridor: Mike Pagnotta
  + Maggie Moose (Dessert Bakery) and Gift Shop moving into plaza with Cielito Lindo. Still pushing to open by the Halloween parade.
  + Tiga’s moving to old Whole Hog Spot.
* Medford Village: Abbie Galie
  + Some interest in Sacred Crow
  + Fabulous Fig and Dan’s Waffles looking to move to Main Street
  + Beth: Consider amending Zoning to limit need for use variances.
* Shops on Stokes: Vittorio Anepete
  + Dynamic Flooring being renovated.
  + Beth: 3 or 4 new businesses in Ironstone.
* Tuckerton & Taunton: Jim Previti
  + Beth: An application is pending from Taunton Forge.

**New Business:**

* None

Next Meeting on November 11th via Zoom. Abbie will Chair.

Adjourn: Motion: Mike, Second: Abbie

Adjourned at 7:55 PM