**Medford Township**

**Economic Development Advisory Commission**

**September 9, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Virtual via Zoom**

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

Absent: Tom Juliano, Jim Previti

* Approval of August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes
	+ Motion: Abbie Second: Vittorio
	+ Approved

**Old Business**

* Recap last month’s presentation
	+ SRTS Grant Application in progress.
* Open Space and Recreation Plan.
	+ Expected to be on November’s planning board agenda.
	+ Will require Pinelands approvals
* Mill and Himmelein Townhouses - Orleans developer on October agenda
	+ 30 units 5 or 6 affordable units.
* Guest Speakers to year end
	+ John from Sharps Run potentially

**5 Commercial Districts (2021 champions)**

Update Google Spreadsheet of vacancies:

* Crossroads: Joe Burgoyne
	+ Strip with Allegro for sale. $1.3 Million
* Route 70 Corridor: Mike Pagnotta
	+ Maggie Moos (Dessert Bakery) and Gift Shop moving into plaza with Cielito Lindo. Looking to open by the Halloween parade.
	+ Auto parts store looking to build between Monroe and Cielito Lindo.
* Medford Village: Abbie Galie
	+ Feed Mill at 67 North Main all approved.
	+ Peewees Ice Cream and gift shop at 57 North Main
	+ 2 Broad Street Shops at Medford Mill.
	+ Food Trucks on Thursday 9/16
	+ Children’s clothing boutique
	+ 32/34 S Main Street For Sale (Medford Mortgage)
	+ Hewitt’s Autobody. Potential pocket park with Green Acres funds.
	+ La Facia Bella looking to do a coffee bar. Would need a handicap bathroom.
* Shops on Stokes: Vittorio Anepete
	+ Antique Shop in Ironstone
	+ Deli application in Ironstone.
	+ Lukoil ma have sold.
	+ Binkley’s strip mall exterior to be renovated.
* Tuckerton & Taunton: Jim Previti
	+ Roast expanding.
	+ Dry cleaner coming in.
	+ Yoo sushi coming to Fortune Cookie’s old spot.
	+ Yoga spot opening.
	+ Dunkin Donuts on Zoning Board meeting agenda September 15th

**MBA Update**

* Oktoberfest at Freedom Park 9/18
* Wine and Music Fest 9/19. No cars this year.
* Haunted Ghost Tour 10/5
* Rotary is doing Halloween Parade 10/30
* Sidewalk sale in November
* Merry Main Street and Dickens 12/5
* Downtown NJ looking for meeting space.
* Abbie presenting on November 16th at NJLOM.

**New Business:**

Abbie presented a motion to request that Council adopt a resolution opposing Bill S577 concerning labor harmony agreements in retail and distribution center projects.

Second: Mike Pagnotta

Motion Passed

Adjourn: Motion: Abbie, Second: Mike

Adjourned at 8:13 PM