**Medford Township**

**Economic Development Advisory Commission**

**December 9, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

*“The purpose of this Advisory Commission is to assist the Medford Township Council in the development and maintenance of a positive business environment in the community; including attracting and supporting businesses via Business Recruitment and Retention strategies.”*

Present: Joe Burgoyne, Abbie Galie, Mike Pagnotta, Vittorio Anepete, Beth Portocalis, Tom Juliano, Mayor Watson

Absent:, Jim Previti

**EDC In-house Business**

* Review and Approval of October minutes
  + Motion: Mike Pagnotta Second: Joe
  + Approved

**Existing Business**

* Township update-Beth
  + Indian Chief, Luce and Jackson Stokes liquor licenses are inactive.
  + Potentially a new license will be available based on census.
  + Almost built out at DR Horton properties.
  + Independent living building on Himmelein just had preconstruction meeting.
  + Stokelan has licenses. Hoping to be open by March 1st.
* Downtown NJ & MBA updates – Abbie
  + New President from TD Bank, Alex from Wonder World is VP
  + Holiday lunch at Tarantella on Tuesday
* Google Vacancy list, updates

**5 Commercial District Updates (2021 champions)**

* Crossroads: Joe Burgoyne
  + Nothing new
* Route 70 Corridor: Mike Pagnotta
  + Nothing new. Maggie Moose
* Medford Village: Abbie Gallie
  + Dickens Fest. Expanded this year to include Kirby’s Mill
  + Merry Main Street Shopping Incentive
  + *Whole Hog and Kings Road opened.*
  + Sacred Crow moved into new space.
  + Grazing Affair moving to old Sacred Crow space.
  + Old Wonder World space is up for rent.
  + Harvest will be leaving their Bank Street location.
  + PeeWees had grand opening at DickensFest
  + Interest in Hewitt’s AutoBody
  + Interest in Quaker Meeting space for restaurant
  + Library site is available
  + Mayor Watson. Magnify named redeveloper of old municipal building.Buildings will be demolished.
  + Library and Quaker Meeting House may become a redevelopment zone.
  + Main Street Money gift cards are now available.
* Shops on Stokes: Vittorio Anepete
  + 338 Stokes inquiry if permits are still active
  + Tom heard there is some interest in IronStone.
  + Beth has given out 3 or 4 zoning permits for IronStone.
  + 703 Heritage Building
  + 618 Stokes Rd
* Tuckerton & Taunton: Jim Previti
  + New sushi place in Taunton Forge
  + New supermarket application is before of the planning board.

**Public events**

* Food Trucks December 16th

Joe will be stepping down as Chair.

Council was asked by Kathy Burger to combine meeting nights of the NSAC and EDC. NSAC meets first Wednesday of the month.

Adjourned 8:10