**Medford Township**

**Economic Development Advisory Commission**

**MINUTES – May 13, 2021
Mtg held via ZOOM on-line Conference platform**

Present: Joe Burgoyne, Abbie Galie, Vittorio Anepete, Beth Portocalis, Jim Previti Councilman Brad Denn

Absent: Mike Pagnotta, Tom Juliano

* Minutes from April meeting are tabled.
* Update on the Tax Coalition: DTNJ Board Meeting tomorrow. Medford has not joined.
* Challenger Farm has the area in need of redevelopment designation. Jim has not been in touch with land owner.
* Discussion about moving to in person meetings in the new municipal building instead of Zoom. The committee decided to make the June 10th meeting in person.
* Discussion about vacancy spreadsheet. Abbie shared google sheets link to edit.
* Beth: House cleanout retail business will be opening at old Tiver Flooring location.
* Kombucha business/cafe looking for a location.
* Councilman Denn suggest that the committee develop a list of potential areas for electric charging stations in each district.

**5 Commercial Districts (2021 champions)**

* Crossroads: Joe Burgoyne
	+ Improvements to the Dr. Still site are being made.
* Route 70 Corridor: Mike Pagnotta
* Medford Village: Abbie Galie
	+ Mystical Blossoms expanded onto Main Street.
	+ Two Birds Hair Salon opening at former Sole Obsession. Booked through July.
	+ Monroe and Kent Home Furnishings moved from Marlton will be next to Farm Truck. Planning to open by Mid July. Will need a zoning permit.
	+ Wellness walk this weekend.
* Shops on Stokes: Vittorio Anepete
	+ 338 Stokes at corner of Stokes/Himmelein. Orthodontis Building and Lukoil.
	+ Lukoil and their management company have been difficult to deal with.
* Tuckerton & Taunton: Jim Previti
* True Value still empty
* Shops where Riviera is located is now full
* Abbie: Village at Taunton Forge
* Late summer/early fall will be a new grocery store going in with prepared take away meals.
* There is interest in David’s Fortune Cookie for Hibachi.
* Will be installing electric vehicle chargers.

**MBA Update**

* OktoberFest is on for September 19th
* Art and Wine Fest is a maybe. Would be September 20th. Need volunteers.
* Medford Celebrates will not be holding parade this year.
* Solicitor is seeking guidance on social distancing as it applies to parades.

**Goals/Ideas**

* Feature a business in your district with photos/videos for social media.
* Drone event
* Develop list of sites available for potential restaurants.

Adjourn: Motion: Abbie, Second Vittorio

Adjourned at 8:09 PM