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Rochester Economic Development Commission Minutes – January 25, 2024 Rochester City Hall 33 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

<u>Members Present:</u> Jonathan Shapleigh, Marsha Miller, Kristen Bournival, Tanya Hervey, Ron Poulin

Members Absent: Tim Jones, Janet Davis, Chris Harrelson, Kris Ebbeson

Others Present: Mike Scala, Mayor Paul Callaghan, Jenn Marsh

A. B and C: Chairperson Shapleigh called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

Meeting Minutes

- A. Called the meeting to order and noted absent members.
- B. Marsha approved the minutes and Tanya seconded the motion.
- C. Public Input

None at this time.

D. Strategic Plan Update:

Jen went through the slides and what our completed tasks were from 2018, tasks in progress and next steps. RKG in-person presentation in mid-March after review in mid-February. Ordinance Update:

Last council approved everything in terms of the housing language, part of our mission and clarification.

E. Project Updates:

St. Elizabeth - Mike was in touch with the diocese (there are two more prospects in the mix). One is for a teardown, and one is for repurposing. The pricing dropped to \$1.7M.

Howard Building – Will set something up to have us over there to see the final product (most of the 4-6th floors are completed). The units are 1 or 2 bedrooms. Plan to be done the middle of May.

Cinco de Mayo – Will be opening a location in Rochester.

Next week is the first public hearing for Route 11.

Public hearing tonight for the roundabout near Sig.

Three businesses in downtown are shuffling around.

Application for a bar behind the Scenic Salinger.

Looking to find a taphouse/brewery for downtown.

Recreation master plan – survey to see what we have/want in Rochester.

Kick off meeting for the Riverwalk Overlook next week (starting in Spring/Summer).

Working on updating the Riverwalk master plan – come up with a design and make a connection with the downtown.

CIP put in this year for Water Street to connect it to Main Street and burying the utilities. City owns 40+ acres in Gonic that was gifted to us – walked it with Madco 3D. They partnered with another company to come up with designs (printed community for various size homes). Putting together a proposal for council. Trying to get the price point of \$300k and under.



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Ribbon Cutting for 80+ units on Apple Ridge for affordable housing. Gaffney is on the way with about 21 units.

- F. Membership Updates:
 Tanya and Ron have stated that they will put in their statement of interest. The third one is Janet Jon will reach out.
- G. Other
 None to report.

Jon made a motion to adjourn at 4:57pm, Tanya seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Bournival