

Town of Camden
Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2010, **5:30 PM**
Washington Street Conference Room

Meeting notes

Attendance

**Committee members: Peter Gross, Ellis Cohn, Martin Cates, John Arnold,
Kipp Wright**

Liaisons

Roberta Smith, Lowrie Sargent, Dan Bookham, Morgan Laidlaw

1. Review/discussion/approval of minutes from last meetings.
 - No discussion

2. Update/discussion from TIF workgroup. (Peter Gross)
 - Peter Gross led discussion
 - Preparations mostly done for presentation to Selectboard 2-2-10
 - Suggested TIF as 2 warrant articles
 - 2 TIF districts
 - B3 as donor district to Downtown district
 - Vote on the 23rd of Feb
 - Set up for 2 votes. One as Downtown TIF district
 - Downtown district to be 100%, donor district to be 50%
 - Advertise hearing to be same night in 2 parts
 - Vote to be 8:00 pm.
 - Main portion of presentation to be conducted by Matthew Eddy (Eaton-Peabody), with Peter Gross assisting.
 - Request/notice to be sent to CECAC and other interests inviting attending to support
 - The project list was discussed
 - Top vote getters from the Stakeholder meeting:
 - Development director
 - Harbor boardwalk
 - Revolving loan program
 - Opera house exterior improvements
 - Financial analysis Opera House impact
 - Opera House interior improvements to facilitate events
 - Parking improvements

3. Downtown Planning Group/Planning Group Project List discussion.
 - Lowrie presented and discussed Downtown Planning Group request for CEDAC endorsement for Gateway funds to be used for design services for improvements to parking and pedestrian access to Main Street and the Harbor area.
 - Suggested improvements as a result of designs outlined
 - Meets Gateway 1 criteria
 - Group discussion ensued
 - Motion to endorse failed, 3 in favor, 1 abstention.
 - Discussed attending Planning Board meeting 2-3-10 to report back on their discussion of the 3 Gateway proposals for consideration.
 - CEDAC will discuss possible endorsements at our next meeting.

4. CEDAC discussion, recommendation to Selectboard.
 - See above.

5. Business Toolkit Workgroup update (Dan Bookham).
 - Dan Bookham presented update of the Toolkit workgroup
 - Discussion and plans moving well
 - Development of area guide for resource access needs
 - Kipp Wright working on a web toolkit access to supplement efforts
 - Similar discussion at the most recent KWRED board meeting met with excellent reception.
 - Positive feedback from all
 - More info at next meeting

6. Brief review of Economic discussion at the Library from Tuesday evening (who attended?)
 - Brief discussion from Kipp and Dan regarding Hannah Pingree recent presentation at the Library
 - Well attended
 - Highlighted state budget concerns

7. Miscellaneous.
 - Jeff Charland from the Farnsworth Museum will visit our 2-22-10
 - To discuss financial impact to our area
 - How can we work together to provide cooperation for more year 'round events that bring people in.

8. Conclusion
 - Next meeting to be 2-8-10.