



**TOWN OF MADISON  
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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Approved February 12, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Madison Economic Development Commission held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. Madison Town Campus.

Present: Commissioners Peter Thomas, Jim Ball, Edwin Moore, Anne Foley, Hank Yaggi

Also present: Peter Van Strum, SCORE; Keith Mirante, Coastal Chiropractic and Wellness

Peter Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

1. **Welcome to two new Commissioners.** Mr. Thomas requested that those present introduce themselves. The two new members Anne Foley and Hank Yaggi provided background information on their experience and their interest in the Economic Development Commission.

6. **SCORE spokesperson.** Peter provided background information noting that he was involved in the recommendation for the original formation of an Economic Development Commission. He also noted that after retirement he became involved with Madison Cable Television and then became involved in SCORE. He provided members with a copy of a brochure on SCORE which includes information on their services and contact information. He noted that SCORE services were primarily focused on new businesses, however, recently their counseling services have been found to be helpful for existing businesses. This is proving to be a difficult time for many businesses and would like to make more businesses aware of their services. They are sometimes able to work with banks to assist businesses and are hoping that a relationship with the EDC could be helpful to local businesses also. He would encourage the EDC to refer businesses to SCORE for assistance. He noted that they offer a number of educational seminars in addition to counseling services that could be beneficial to businesses. It could also prove interesting for EDC members to attend their seminars, which are listed on their web site, and to become more educated about their services. He noted that they produce a newsletter that contains important information about their activities. There is never a cost for their services.

Peter Thomas suggested that the Commission consider appointing a liaison to maintain contact with SCORE and keep the Commission updated on their activities. Ann Foley agreed to serve as the SCORE liaison.

Edwin Moore  
James Satterwhite  
Ryan Duques  
Jim Ball

David Kadamus – Chairman  
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Peggy Lyons – Secretary

On motion made by Hank Yaggi, and seconded by Peter Thomas, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Ann Foley to serve as the Economic Development Commission liaison to SCORE.

Peter Thomas noted that he will put a link to SCORE on the EDC web site.

Peter Thomas discussed background information on the survey noting that the primary issues of concern to business is the waste water treatment issue and the belief that the Town can be difficult when there is a need for businesses to interact for permits, etc.

Peter Thomas asked if SCORE would be interested in participating on the panel at the Economic Summit being planned by the Commission for February. Peter agreed to participate on the panel. He asked if the EDC had any other ideas for how SCORE can work with them to assist business. Peter Thomas commented that it important to understand that there is a broad base of individual companies in Town and the EDC is available to assist all types of businesses to be successful. Peter noted that this goal is in line with SCORE's goal.

7. **Regional Growth Partnership introduction and discussion.** Peter Thomas provided members with information on the Regional Growth Partnership for review and discussion at the next meeting.

2. **Discussion of our Mission.** Peter Thomas noted that he will be forwarding information on the Economic Development Commission for further discussion at the next meeting. The discussion should include a review of resources, a discussion on the state of the community and input on what the EDC can do to help the community.

5. **Review of current budget.** Peter Thomas noted that an outstanding item in the budget is the 3D Phase of the Bradley Road Study to be completed by Planimetrics. There has been input on the role of the Planning and Zoning Commission in this part of the project and he will forward additional information to the members.

4. **2009 Schedule of Meetings.** Members were provided with a copy of the meeting schedule for Commission meetings in 2009 as follows:

January	15
February	12
March	12
April	9
May	14
June	11
July	9
August	13
September	10
October	8
November	12

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Mr. Ball agreed to reserve the meeting room.

Peter Thomas noted that the Commission will hold the election of officers at the January 15 meeting. He noted that a Commission member should also be appointed as a liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Peter Thomas noted that he will put together an attendance sheet for 2008 to track member's attendance at the meetings last year.

On a motion made by Jim Ball, and seconded by Edwin Moore, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Madison Economic Development Commission meeting will be January 15, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Town Campus.

Terry Holland-Buckley  
Clerk

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