

**EAST HAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2008
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Dennis Amendola
Commissioner Paul Burns
Commissioner Frank Alvarado

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Hongo, Jr.-Director

Chairman Amendola called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Alvarado made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting, and to table the minutes of the 4-28-08 meeting as well as the 7-28-08 meeting as there were not enough commissioners present at those meetings and present here to accept them. Chairman Burns seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Hongo, Jr. gave Commissioner Amendola a copy of the SCOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 5 year plan. Paul will look through it and make a copy for all commission members. Mayor Almon and Paul attended an event that was sponsored by Yale and the UI in New Haven recently for a Site Selector tour, which highlights different properties available in the State. The Lieutenant Governor was in attendance as well to try to show how to secure companies all over the country to come to Connecticut with their businesses. Unfortunately, the Town of East Haven does not have lots of property at this time. The Eblens shopping center was discussed and that Chairman Amendola as well as Paul Hongo have spoken to its owner regarding possible sale of the property

Some comments were made regarding the property. It being too dark, not jumping out, would have to reconfigure the parking lot. Commissioner Alvarado asked a question regarding the façade on the building behind CVS on Route 80 and how it looks awful. Chairman Amendola asked a question about Home Depot and the opportunity to lease 6-7000 square feet for the shopping center that is there now. There is a stipulation, as Home Depot owns that property and they are having a hard time filling the space, as any tenant is not allowed to sell anything that Home Depot sells. Commissioner Alvarado heard that a theater was going in there. Director Hongo stated he hadn't heard anything, but will look into it.

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DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON FRONTAGE ROAD

There is nothing new to report at this time

INDUSTRIAL PARK

There is nothing new to report at this time except that Public Works has been down to clean up some potholes on the street and that there are some people who are still leaving garbage outside the landfill when it's closed. A visit was paid to the owners of that garbage by the Police Department and they will stay on top of the situation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Alvarado asked a question regarding the airport situation. Paul Hongo stated that Mayor Almon had been in court all day over this matter and more information would be available at the next meeting. The attorney representing the Town in this matter is Attorney Echter. The airport wants to extend safety zones, which will bring in bigger planes. There is some work that needs to be done to clean up the property however.

There being no more business to come before the Commission, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Commissioner Alvarado and seconded by Commissioner Burns. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk