

Darien Economic Development Committee

January 7, 2021

Call to order: 7:09pm

Darien City Council Chambers / Zoom

Members Present: Tina Beilke, Bryan Gay, Robert Hahn, Angelo Imbrogno, Lou Mallers, Matt Weberling
Also present: Mayor Marchese, Lisa Klemm

Guests: Michael Field, Kelly Jean, Janice Papais, April Padalik

Public Comment – No public comment

Approval of December 3, 2020 minutes – Motion by Member Hahn, Second by Member Mallers.
Minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

New Business – No New Business

Old Business –

- A. Chamber of Commerce Integration Discussions – Chairwoman Beilke introduced item for discussion. April Padalik mentioned previous discussions in October 2020 regarding a City liaison to work with Chamber towards business retention. Chairwoman Beilke asked for feedback from committee members and Darien Chamber members attending meeting. Regular membership dues \$225, non-profit for \$125, billing goes out in January. To date, approximately 30 businesses has registered for the upcoming year. 160 current membership. City could send out Chamber membership form during Darien Business License outreach. Chamber executives will share strategic plan, operating plan for 2021 before February EDC meeting.
- B. COVID-19 Calls to All Businesses – Update on ongoing business retention calls. Chairwoman Beilke reported on the number of salons/barbers are concerned regarding continued COVID-19 restrictions but most are surviving. Management changes at Carriage Greens. Additional calls have been made but with no follow up due to holiday season. Calls will resume in January.

Previous Follow Up – No Previous Items

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, February 4, 2021

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully presented by Bryan Gay.