Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 4, 2019
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: Old Colony Planning Council
70 School Street
Brockton MA 02301

Attendees
Mary Waldron
Maryellen Brett
Stephanie Danielson
Rob Downey
Robert Moran Jr.
Mary Ellen DeFrias
Shane O’Brien
Jason Hunter
Pedro De Jesus
Pamela McCarthy
Pat Ciaramella
Paul Chenard
Bruce Hughes
Laurie Muncey
Jimmy Pereira
Lisa Sullivan

Affiliation
Bridgewater State University
Massasoit Community College
Town of Easton
Town of Kingston
Brockton OCPC Delegate/National Grid
MassDevelopment
City of Brockton
MassHireGBWB
U.S. Census
Town of Stoughton
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1. Call to order: Chair Mary Waldron called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes of the January 7, 2019 Meeting: Stephanie Danielson moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Robert Moran, Jr. So voted

3. MassDevelopment Bond Review: There was none.

4. Old Business: There was none.
5. **New Business**

A. **Guest Speaker: Presentation on the 2020 U.S. Census Data Collection Effort.** Mr. Pedro De Jesus, Partnership Specialist, New York Regional Census Center, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau gave an overview of the plan. The foundation of a successful census includes four elements: Establish Where to Count, Motivate People to Respond, Count The Population and Release the Census Results. Please contact Mr. De Jesus for more information: pedro.dejesus@2020census.gov

B. **Review of Work Plan and Budget for the Old Colony Planning Council Economic Development District for 2019-2020.** Council Economic Development/Community Planner Bruce Hughes said the Council is preparing to apply for District Funding for 2019-2020. A requirement of the application is to include a work plan and budget for the year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The work plan has three elements: On Going Planning, Program Development and On Going Technical Assistance. The Budget has the same three elements. After discussion, Mary Waldron moved to approve, seconded by Jason Hunter. So voted.

6. **Upcoming Events:** A list of OCPC events for February and March 2019 was included in the meeting packet.

7. **Other Business**

1. OCPC Executive Director Pasquale Ciaramella said OCPC will be reviewing all of the Census tracts in Plymouth County for the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census.

2. OCPC Community/Transportation Planner Jimmy Pereira said OCPC is seeking public comment on the OCPC Long Range Transportation Plan. Staff will be seeking public comment at the Town of Avon Public Library on February 7 and at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce Multi-Cultural Business Forum at the Perfect Place in Brockton on March 7. Input will be sought through a survey of the public at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCLRTP20

3. Town of Easton Planning and Economic Development Director Stephanie Danielson said the Town of Easton will hold a public information session on March 7, 2019 in the Roache Dining Room at Stonehill College regarding the Strategic Plan for the Coweesett District. Ms. Danielson said her office is preparing a town meeting warrant article concerning the creation of a District Improvement Financing Plan for the Easton Five Corners District to cover the cost of roadway improvements and new sidewalks in the area.

4. Mass Development Vice President For Community Development South Region Mary Ellen DeFrias said MassDevelopment is now accepting proposals for providing Real Estate Technical Assistance Services aimed at addressing your priority planning and development projects. In the current call for proposals they are offering the following technical assistance opportunities: Master Planning and Visioning for Sites and/or Districts, Market Feasibility and Financial Analysis, Surplus Property Reuse and/or Activation Assistance, Local District Improvement Financing (DIF) Technical assistance, RFP/Q Development and Process Management and Regional Economic Development Planning. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 15, 2019. For more information, visit MassDevelopment.com/technical-assistance or contact: Amanda Chisholm at achisholm@massdevelopment.com or (617)-330-2073.
5. Suggestions for CEDS Meeting Speakers/Topics: Chair Mary Waldron asked committee members to contact Bruce Hughes with suggestions for speakers/discussion topics for future CEDS Committee meetings.

7. Adjournment: there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE HUGHES

Old Colony Planning Council

Next meeting: Monday, March 4, 2019 at noon.

Scheduled CEDS Committee meetings through June 2019:

March 4
April 1
June 3