

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Sayre, Chair; Thomas Deffenbaugh, Margaret Jacobson, Joy Dorin, G. Jeffrey Keith, Sue O'Connor

ALSO PRESENT: Tana Parseliti, Downtown Manager
Mark Pellegrini, Director of Neighborhood Services
and Economic Development
Gary Anderson, Senior Planner
Renata Bertotti, Senior Planner

Adoption of minutes of March 12, 2009

Mr. Keith moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Dorin seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Presentation of the Planning Department's Housing Data and Analysis

Mr. Pellegrini introduced Ms. Bertotti and Mr. Anderson, senior planners in the department, who were going to present information on housing, which had been gathered by planning department staff. The information was originally collected as part of a presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission, who is currently discussing how to regulate multi-family housing in Manchester. The presentation had also been presented to the Housing Commission, who is interested in ensuring an affordable housing supply in Manchester's future.

The staff presented the information which included some comparative analysis between Manchester and other communities; types of housing units as a percent of the total housing stock; location of various types of housing in Manchester; information on age of structures, property conditions, and the percent of single and multi-family housing in various neighborhoods; information on housing affordability and housing costs in Manchester; information on existing densities, illustrations of various types of densities existing in Manchester for various housing types; and a discussion of the available land remaining in Manchester, its current zoning and proposed residential density as called for in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The staff used a PowerPoint presentation to present the information, and copies were distributed to the members who were present.

The presentation of the information, and responses to questions raised by various Commission members, used the entire allotted time for the meeting. Commission members agreed that it was very interesting and valuable information. Ms. Jacobson suggested the Commission take some time to review and reflect on the information provided and discuss it at a future EDC meeting. The Chair agreed to place this on the next Commission meeting agenda, or a special meeting if one could be arranged.