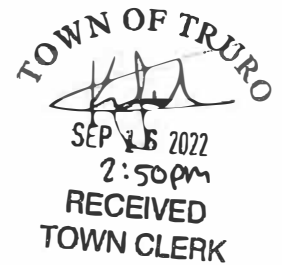


Economic Development Meeting July 14th, 2022



Members Present: Robert Panessiti, Kristen Roberts, Dan Silva, Nancy Medoff, Chris LaMarco

Others: Barbara Carboni-Truro Town Planner, Carole Ridley-Ridley and Associates Consultant, Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

There were no minutes presented for consideration.

The Chair asked Carole Ridley to help the Committee understand where we are in the process of developing the report and what we might need to move forward. He also mentioned that Sue Areson and Kristen Reed had asked that we consider a cultural district as part of our discussion.

Carole felt that the summit that we held at the library was productive and successful, consistent with what we heard in the focus groups. The vision statement and a summary from the focus groups and data collected thus far was reviewed. An outline of what the report should look like and next steps recommended to identify strategy and actionable items. Additional areas that would be difficult for the Committee to influence were brought to the Committee's attention. Carole recommended the Committee take goal areas (Affordable Housing, Business/sector Development, Environment, Built Environment and Infrastructure) and dedicate a meeting to flush these out, the first being housing.

Nancy supported the idea of going through each goal and are addressing all of the issues recognizing that we only get one chance to get this right.

At the bequest of the Chair, Carole explained how the report would be constructed and an expected timeline to deliver the report by the end of the year. Barbara stated that the Committee shouldn't feel that we need to deliver the report in a rushed manner. The LCPC wasn't anticipating it this Fall.

Dan wanted us to be sure that the report addressed the needs of the year-round population which may have conflicting goals with the second homeowners.

Nancy expressed concern that we duplicate efforts of other committees concerning the housing issue. Carole talked about leveraging the work of other Committees that it isn't a goal of the Committee to construct Truro's housing plan. Darrin explained how he believed the EDC could contribute to the housing discussion in the community.

Chris reinforced the discussion around the need for the Committee to emphasize the lack of housing and it's impact of the community and businesses to deliver services. Nancy asked that

we look at what other communities are doing. Kristen asked about alternative funding sources that might be available to the town. Darrin responded that we have applied for and are actively pursuing various programs.

Carole asked the Committee to review the outline for further discussion at the next meeting to further define the content and scope of the report. Darrin asked the Committee to consider policy recommendations to advance EDC recommendations and resource allocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be August 11th, at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Panessiti

Chair-EDC

