

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2013
8:00 AM
JORDAN ROOM, MATTHEWS TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Jamison, Vice Chairman Tim Jones; Members Greg Klein, Roger Martin, Bev Martin, Steve Thomson, Crystal Provance; Assistant Town Manager Jamie Justice; Town Clerk Lori Canapinno

ABSENT: Members Paul Babinski, Mark Harrison, Jerry McGuire, Commissioner John Urban (appointed member), Chamber Executive Director Tina Whitley (ex-officio)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jamison called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION – 157 NORTH TRADE STREET; CAFÉ 157

Mr. Justice summarized the façade grant application submitted for Café 157 located at 157 North Trade Street. Applicant George Poriotis is the owner of Café 157 and leases the property from Chrisoula Miller, who signed off on the application as required. The total project cost is \$7,900 and the applicant request is for a \$2,500 grant. If EDAC recommends approval of the grant it can also recommend any dollar amount up to \$2,500 per the program guidelines. The building is brick and the trim is in disrepair. Mr. Poriotis plans to pressure wash and paint the trim, replace some areas of the trim and perform some patio ceiling repair. The project meets all criteria and staff recommends approval.

There was some discussion of the application and the existing rope lighting on the front of the restaurant. EDAC does not really have control over that but a suggestion or recommendation to improve that could be issued. A question was raised regarding a contractor license for the person doing the work. Mr. Justice clarified that the work was being done by a professional painter and a contractor license is not required. Chairman Jamison noted certain EPA regulations regarding paint – they require lead paint certification for professional painters working on certain structures built before 1978. By consensus the group decided to research the issue, and if it applies to this project then the applicant would be informed that his painter needs the certification. [After research staff determined that the applicant structure is not subject to those regulations due to its current use.]

Motion by Ms. Martin to recommend approval, conditional upon the result of the question regarding lead-paint mitigation, of a façade grant in the amount of \$2,500. Seconded by Mr. Klein and unanimously approved. The application will be voted on by the Board of Commissioners on August 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Martin. Seconded by Vice Chairman Jones and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Canapinno
Town Clerk

APPROVED 9/19/2013