

MINUTES
TOWN OF CARRBORO
ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TOWN HALL – ROOM 110
January 9, 2019
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Members present; Chairperson Bob Saunders, Tanya Jisa, David Gange, David Darr, Dan Mayer, Jim Porto. Staff and Board Liaisons present Annette Stone, Randee Haven-O'Donnell and Sammy Slade.

1. Joint meeting with the Arts Committee

The ESC joined the Arts Committee for a jointing meeting to discuss a memorial for ESC and Arts Committee member Bevin Ramsey who passed away on December 26, 2018. There were several ideas that were discussed including dedicating a piece of public art, outdoor sculpture, walking paths, a memorial scholarship, the revolving loan fund, holding a special event in honor on Bevin on March 17th which is his birthday. Members discussed involving people from the dance, art, and business community. A committee including Mary Norkus, Dan Mayer, Jay Parker, Jim Porto and Tanya Jisa were asked to meet and discuss additional details are report back at the March meeting.

2. Consider minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting

There was a motion by David Darr and seconded by Jim Porto to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2018 meeting.

3. Staff/Commission Updates

a) Review Loan Portfolio and update on Neal's Deli

Staff reviewed the existing portfolio with the ESC and provided a letter from Shelia Neal on the current situation (Attachment 1). After a general discussion regarding possibly forgiving certain loans, there was a general consensus that the Town should not forgive loans but rather continue to work with loan receipts on a case by case basis.

*b) January Economic Development Report
(Attachment 2)*

c) After-Edu Hours Update

The Chairman will reach out to the Executive Director of PTA Thrift on use of the space at YouthWorx on Main Street.

d) Jim Porto then reviewed his report to the ESC on the concerns related to community appearance. The Chairman thanked Mr. Porto for his report and asked for questions. The ESC then discussed next steps. The ESC asked for staff to provide the report to the Town Manager for a future agenda item.

