

**MINUTES
TOWN OF CARRBORO
ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TOWN HALL – ROOM 110
September 11, 2019
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**



Members present included Chair David Darr, Vice-Chair David Gange, Jim Porto, Dan Mayer, Terri Turner, and Mark Vandegrift, and Tanya Jisa. Others Staff present included Board Liaison Sammy Slade, Staff Liaison Annette Stone and Barbara Jessie-Black, Executive Director PTA Thrift

1. Consider minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting

There was motion by Turner and seconded by Mayer to approve the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

2. Consider Revolving Loan Application from PTA Thrift Store

Jessie-Black was on hand to discuss the request for loan funds. PTA is requesting \$50,000 to support salaries for staff that Jessie-Black felt supported workforce development. She discussed increasing the number of staff by 3 positions and to pay living wages. There were questions about PTA financials that demonstrated a negative cash flow for the organization, cash reserve, delinquent payments, etc. There were questions about how PTA was changing the focus and ways they support the youth in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro school system. Jessie-Black stated that Youth-Worx model was the new focus and that PTA would be changing their name soon.

Vice-Chair Gange stated he thought this was the type of community oriented business that the Town would want to see. Jim Porto stated he was concerned about the financials but PTA is a community institution and the Town should support them. There was a motion by Porto and seconded by Vandegrift to recommend the Board of Aldermen approve the loan for \$50,000. The terms of the loan would be 2% for a five (5) year period of time and deferred for the first six (6) months. The motion carried five to two. Chairman Darr and Dan Mayer voted against the motion and stated they thought the request was not an appropriate workforce development approach and PTA's financial situation appeared to be very poor.

3. Discussion for review and update of the Economic Sustainability Plan

There was a follow-up from last month's discussion on a process to update the Economic Sustainability Plan (ESP). Staff provided a follow-up report on items that have had action items around them. There was a discussion about the comprehensive plan and how the ESP complement each other. Staff stated she would share the scope of work from the comp plan at the next ESC meeting.

4. Staff/Commission Updates

There was a question about the Estes Road construction project. Stone stated that town staff is meeting regularly to share communications with the community.

With that the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.