

Ridgefield Economic & Community Development Commission

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Special Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025 at 8:00am Over Zoom only

The meeting began at 8:02am over zoom.

In attendance: Chair Glori Norwitt, Commissioners Jennifer Gioffre, Kay Gelfman, Bob Knight, Sean Dowd, and Peter Kearney (Peter joined at approximately 8:15am).

Announcements

Next meeting July 7, 2025

ECDC Commissioner & Secretary Geoffrey Morris has stepped down from the ECDC due to his appointment onto the Ridgefield Board of Selectpersons. Congratulations Geoffrey! And thank you for your many years of service!

Public Comment

No public comment.

ECDC Budget

Discussion of amounts spent and current projects.

Norwitt motions to allocate the following amounts:

(1) \$50 for tickets for ECDC Commissioners to attend the Business Supports the Arts in Fall 2024;

(2) \$1,500 for the ECDC's annual membership cost to CT Main Street Center for July 2024 – July 2025;

(3) \$50 for the purchase of a new Memorial Day parade banner for the Ridgefield Cultural District;

(4) an additional \$205 for the marketing expenses to create and run an ad for the Town of Ridgefield on Fox61 in April 2025; and

(5) an additional \$160 to pay for contractor Tori Dinkel who assisted with the creation of a MailChimp account, and other administrative assistance. Knight seconds the motion. All in favor.

Norwitt motions to allocate \$3,500 to local Sculptor Chris Curnan, to cover the final payment of the Cultural District Sculpture. Gelfman seconds. All in favor.

Norwitt motions to allocate up to \$300 to contractor Tori Dinkel for additional work on communications using the MailChimp account. Knight seconds. All in favor.

Norwitt motions to allocate \$500 to revise and print an updated Downtown Ridgefield Map using Maida Design or another contractor. Gioffre seconds. All in favor.

Norwitt motions to allocate \$3000 towards the costs of the second Ridgefield Connect event, including costs of event space at the Golf Performance Center, and the cost of food and drinks. Knight seconds. All in favor.

The ECDC Budget for FY2025 is \$30,000. The ECDC budget for FY2026 has been increased to \$35,000.

Motion by Knight to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gioffre. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 8:36am.