BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN Economic Development Advisory Board

Thursday, 2/10/2022 – 5:00 pm Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Attendance: Otto Mills, Lois Opdyke, Pat Keppler, Brian Guerriero, Rick Lyons, Heather Mahaley, Donna Rhodes, Aisling Lavery, Kris Boger, Marjan Shirzad, and Borough Manager John Davis.

The January 2022 Minutes were approved.

Discover Doylestown/Operation Doylestown. Kris provided an update on the upcoming Clean Up Day. Registrations are about to start for the annual 5K. Arts Festival planning is well under way. John noted the outdoor dining plan is still being worked out. The events will be every other week to allow for more organization and will be held from May through September. LCB rules are back in place, so extension of premises permissions will be required. Sidewalk dining requires more planning as well as cooperation with PennDot but the details are being finalized.

Doylestown Cultural District. Marjan reviewed many upcoming activities at the Mercer Museum and within the cultural district of the Borough and was happy to report attendance is increasing. Aisling Lavery, Director of Public Engagement at the Michener Museum, provided an update on upcoming events.

Doylestown Historical Society Update. Donna noted foot traffic is increasing. There are several new exhibits starting soon and they are excited for upcoming events.

Vacancy Report. John noted there haven't been many changes recently. The residential housing market is very busy. Current commercial projects are moving along well, and he doesn't expect the former Intelligencer property work to begin until next year. Rick noted the commercial market is fairly quiet currently, which is standard for this time of year, without many vacant properties.

The Borough has entered into an agreement with the Bucks County Planning Commission to generate a new Comprehensive Plan for the future.

The group discussed the issue of office space rentals in the Borough. Rick noted that niche of the market has decreased due to COVID, and it will take time to recover.

Old/New Business. None.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary