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Minutes May 7, 2019 - Approved

**Minutes of May 7, 2019, Economic Advisory Committee Meeting Town Hall Mural Room**

Chuck Weilbrenner called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Absent: Deb Bowen, Lisa Grace

A quorum was present with Chuck Weilbrenner, Kurt Franke, John Bear, Mike Juliano, and Clark Hinkley attending.

Minutes from the March 12, 2019 were approved.

The meeting guest Rena Kwaloff, marketing director of Roche Brothers was introduced. She presented their Brothers Neighborhood Market concept. This is the market that will occupy the vacant Foodies space in Hall's Corner.

The store is expected to open midsummer of this year with hours of 7-9 daily and 8-9 on Sundays.

Highlights of her presentation:

The space is being totally remodeled – the store is 12,000 sq feet versus 50,00 sq. feet for a Roche Bros.

80% of the store will be perishables [ butcher, seafood, bakery, cheese, produce and prepared foods

The remaining 20% will be general grocery

Will carry beer/wine as a shop within the store

Company concept is to partner with the community and to hire and buy as much locally as possible

The store will have a coffee shop within and also offer catering options

The concept was very well received by the committee and a discussion ensued with how could the EAC assist the company in getting established.

The EAC will assist with a focus group for them to get a better feel of the community. John Bear volunteered to help set the focus group up. Mike Julian volunteered to host at his We Work facility.

There being no other business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Clark Hinkley and Deb Bowen

Next meeting will be July 7, 2019 in the Mural Room at the Town Hall

Additional Meetings: 9/3/19 and 11/12/19