



Economic Sustainability Commission

*301 West Main Street
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510
January 11, 2017*

The following members were present: Bob Saunders, Robert Hash, Leo Gaev, Board Liaisons Randee Haven-O'Donnell and Sammy Slade.

The following staff members were present; Annette Lafferty, ECD Director and Graduate Student Taylor Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bob Saunders. Due to a lack of a quorum of commission members, Chairman Saunders declared the meeting a committee of the whole and postponed consideration of the November 9, 2016 meetings until the next meeting.

Staff reviewed the draft Economic Development Plan update as of January 11th. The ESC members present had the following comments that will be incorporated into the plan.

- Change the value statement for the Living Locally to state “locally owned” businesses, not just local.
- Emphasis graphics more with less urban visuals, more Farmer’s Market.
- Consider naming the document Economic Sustainability Plan.
- Under section for energy include a comment about business to business supply and support as an energy saving measure.
- Also under energy include comments on bike share and car charging stations.
- Include policy statement from the Climate Change Plan #4 regarding the local economy, clean energy assessment, and consideration of a downtown geothermal district.

After staff briefed the ESC on existing and upcoming projects, including the parking study and the application for IFC, the meeting was adjourned.