

Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 5:00 pm

Middletown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

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Others present:

Rick McAuliffe

Jeffery Taylor

1. Presentation - James Hagan & Connie Parks, RIDLT, Business Workforce Center.

Ms. Parks and Mr. Hagan provided a presentation of the programs and services available to businesses.

By consensus the committee requested that information regarding RIDLT services be made available on the MEDAC website.

2. Visits by Congressman Cicilline and Governor Chafee

Mr. McAuliffe discussed the agenda for the March 18th scheduled visit by Congressman Cicilline.

Mayforth will work with the governor's office to schedule a visit by the governor to Middletown.

3. RIDLT workforce development grant

Mr. McAuliffe provided an update on the RIDLT workforce training grant awarded to the SENEDIA and MEDAC. MEDAC is budgeted to receive \$4,000 to assist with public outreach efforts.

4. Recap. of Feb. 9th MEDAC/Chamber hosted presentation by USDA and People's Power and Light on alternative energy and energy efficiency funding opportunities for small businesses.

Mr. Wolanski stated that the event was a success. It attracted approximately 20 attendees, and provided the opportunity for business people to connect with funding opportunities.

5. MEDAC outreach efforts

Mr. McAuliffe discussed the need to schedule outreach meetings to local businesses.

There was discussion of the MEDAC website, and the desire to make it more useful. The designer of the site, John Flanders, will be invited to attend the next MEDAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Director of Planning & Economic Development