

**Minutes  
Economic Development Commission  
October 8th, 2026  
Norfolk Hub, In Person**



EDC members present: Libby Borden, Sue Frisch, Jon Riedeman, Jennifer Almquist, Brett Robbins (zoom).

Non-members present: Henry Tirrell

Absent: Thomas McGowan, Bonnie Pritzker, Robert Whipple, Peter Aziz

- The meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM
- Minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved
- Ideas for promoting the first in the new EDC Conversation Series were discussed and additional outreach to spread the word and encourage participation was planned
- A decision was made not to organize an EDC Holiday pop up market this year, but instead, to participate in the planned Norfolk Hub Holiday walk on December 5th. Jennifer Almquist will take the lead in organizing the booth.
- Libby Borden is taking responsibility for developing a meeting calendar for 2027. She will confirm which nights are best for members that do not have conflicts with other committee and commission schedules.
- A public meeting will be planned for early 2027 to share requirements and possibilities for Norfolk's application for Cultural District Status.
- Two current EDC commission members will not be renewing their terms at the end of 2026: Thomas McGowan and Robert Whipple. Names of potential candidates will be developed and shared before the November meeting, along with an overview of roles and expectations for committee members. A desire was expressed to seek greater diversity in age and perspective in the group.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:20

Submitted by Cheryl Heller