

EDC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 7pm
55 Reid Street South River, NJ

1. Roll Call

Chairperson Danielle Ciulla [x]	Edward Trygar [x]
Vice Chairperson Christine Panzica [x]	Honorata Pierwola []
Secretary Melissa Appleby []	Marta Suchcicki [x]
Treasurer Amin Moawad Alt 1. [x]	ALT Emad S. Lawandi Sq. []
Councilman Nick Giannakopoulos [x]	Bobby Brown []
Mena Moawad (unexpired term) [x]	Tony Ciulla Alt 2. []

2. New additions:

Welcome Nick, Tony, Mena

3. Seat nominations

Nominations were as follows:

Chair- Danielle

Vice Chair- Christine

Secretary- Melissa

Treasurer- Amin

4. Parking update

Nick has already been working on this. We addressed the parking permits for the municipal lot and how it seems like too many are distributed for the amount of spots in the lot. Mr. Trygar was going to see how many spots were permit spots and we will draft a letter to send to the council about our concern. It was brought up that the meters in town are not being used and there have been no consequences to that. Some don't work, some are full so they won't take more coins, some have coins jammed in them, and some people just don't pay it. Nick brought up that the town has been talking to parking kiosk companies to get rid of the meters. Mr. Trygar was concerned about the price to park with those kiosks but Nick assured him that we can adjust the payment as low as 50 cents.

5. Farmer's market

The food vendor ordinance that is in place now only allows for a daily permit of \$25. Most towns have a flat yearly fee. Christine suggested we make it a \$50 fee for the year since it is our first year and we want to attract vendors. Mr. Trygar suggested we don't charge the vendors at all and just have the town pay their food permit fees. Nick is going to discuss with the town's lawyer what the best approach is and amend the existing food vendor ordinance to include a farmer's market section. As a group, we decided we did not want food trucks included in the ordinance, just table vendors

a. Location: Municipal Lot

We want to use the grass area next to the municipal lot and the section of permit parking next to it. Nick will check with the owner of the grass lot to see if we can use it. The permit section may be difficult since people pay to be there. Danielle

with Discuss with Mayor and BA about best options. This seems like our best location to bring people into the downtown area. Mr. Trygar suggested the Blue Acre properties on Washington St. closer to Ferry St. but that would need to be approved by the county.

- b. Date: vendors say a longer run will get more of them to commit
Danielle suggested the spring but will most likely be the fall for a 7 or 8 week run.
- c. Health Department: what the vendors need to apply for
 - i. Reached out but still no response
Bonnie Trygar (public) offered to reach out to them since she is on the Board of Health.
- d. Vendors- once above is set, each member should try to lock in 2 vendors
- e. will need everyone to sign up for days that you can be there to set up, run, and clean up

6. member comments

none

7. public comments

none