

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

City of Germantown

March 17, 2022

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Winning, Frank Dupps, Heidi Grant and Mike Kuhn

ALSO PRESENT: Judy Gilleland, City Manager, Keith Brane, Planning Consultant and Pat Higgins,
ED Consultant/City Grant Writer

The meeting was called to order by Tom Winning at 9:04am

Approval of the Minutes

Mike made a motion to approve the November minutes, Heidi seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.

Welcome New members

Tom welcomed Frank and Heidi to the Economic Development Committee. Frank stated he was happy to serve on the committee. Frank indicated his family and he have a rich history in the City of Germantown. As a youth and today, family members have participated in and supported numerous events.

Tom provided a brief history of the committee and reviewed the Mission Statement and recent activities of the committee.

Review of Strengths and Opportunities (SWOT)

Tom began the discussion by updating everyone that in 2019 a list of uniques and issues were developed by the committee. Due to the Pandemic and delays in returning to the list, today's meeting would provide an opportunity to identify the top three uniques and issues.

Tom indicated his top three were: Camp Miami potential, public space, city parks and Five Rivers Metroparks, and Historic downtown including the buildings and alleys.

Others agreed the historic downtown, Camp Miami and the city parks and the Metroparks partnership were the top unique qualities. A discussion continued regarding how downtown, the city parks and the Metroparks and Camp Miami together have many possibilities. Germantown could become the destination for visitors.

Other Business

Pat updated the committee regarding the brew pub. The group is working with the Small Business Center to develop a business plan and they are still looking at possible locations. Tom also let the committee know, he has had a chance to also meet with two of the brew pub people.

The Cherry Street Church was also briefly discussed and the need to confirm the new ownership and their plans. Pat indicated she would have additional information next month.

Heidi asked what the status of the kayak business was for 2022. The kayak business was popular in the past and people will be looking for it this year. Pat indicated she will look into the status of the operation.

Judy provided City Updates for ongoing projects.

A brief discussion followed regarding staffing to provide more parks and recreation activities and programing.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12am