

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

April 19, 2018

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Mark Heistand, Mike Kuhn, Lynn Koogle and Tom Winning

ABSENT: Jeff Fannin

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Higgins, City Grant Writer and Angie Riner, Owner of Dabble Creative Studio

MINUTES:

The March minutes were approved with the following changes: please note Mike Kuhn was absent from the meeting and the minutes approved were from the February 15, 2018 meeting. Minutes were approved by all with changes noted.

BUSINESS:

Tom Winning opened the discussion by asking for updates.

Update on 2018 Downtown Quarterly Business Meetings. Pat Higgins reported plans were underway for the June meeting and wanted to confirm the date, time, topic and place. Judy indicated that the committee thought the meeting should be in the evening and having Eric Sauer, Five Rivers Metroparks present would be very helpful. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have the next meeting on June 21, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Senior Center. The focus of the meeting would be on the Five Rivers Metroparks plans and the August 18th Five Rivers Metroparks and City of Germantown Joint Event.

Discussion followed regarding the planned event with Five Rivers Metroparks on August 18th. The event would include a hike at the Germantown Metropark and each participant would receive a "passport" with information and possible discounts to restaurants and shops in Germantown. To assist with this effort, Pat mentioned that Nick from Saturday Night Out is very willing to help, however, a sub-committee working with city staff would be very helpful. The subcommittee will be comprised of: Tom Winning, ED Committee member; Angie Riner, Business Owner; Jeff Fannin, Chamber Representative and Nick Ranson, Saturday Night Out Representative. Everyone agreed at the June Business Meeting, the August event would be discussed.

Update on business permit and Zoning Certificate – Pat explained work is continuing. In the Economic Development packet were drafts of the updated Sign Permit and the Zoning Certificate Application. The Sign Permit was updated to reflect the changes to the Sign Code. The Zoning Certification Application would combine the Downtown Business Permit and the Zoning Certificate Application. Committee members made suggestions based on their individual reviews. A discussion followed regarding the need to begin the draft of the information that will go into a brochure. Pat will have a draft of the language

by the next Economic Development meeting in May and the final draft will be ready for the June Quarterly meeting so the business community will be able to provide input.

Healthcare needs and Germantown Assets to discuss with Kettering Health Network. Staff reached out to Premier and Kettering Health Network to bring to their attention Germantown's location and assets when locating additional healthcare facilities in the region. A meeting will be held in May with Kettering representatives to highlight the geographic area of need is greater than Germantown. The committee members felt the surrounding area including the townships, Farmersville and Preble County should be in a service area. One suggestion was to draw the area based on the Valley View School boundaries and the Preble Shawnee School district area. Route 4 is often seen as the route to Sycamore Hospital for many in the area. There was consensus that there was a great need for an urgent care clinic, open in the evening and on weekends. Residents now go to the Little Clinic in Miamisburg or to the emergency rooms of Kettering, Miami Valley and Children's in Springboro.

Angie Riner was asked to update the committee regarding the new facebook page and the May event for families. Angie indicated that there is a new Facebook page "Imagine Germantown" that allows people to talk about Germantown in a positive way highlighting businesses and events. Angie is also the leader of an upcoming event "Kids Around the Corner". Residents will have opportunities to learn about all the programs, activities and events that will be occurring this summer in Germantown. She is working with five other women to make this a great event. The committee members were very interested in the activities going on.

A question came up regarding the status of the Farmer's Market. Mike indicated the city is working with the event organizer to find a new location. Several suggestions were made and not sure if one location was selected. Angie offered to reach out to the organizer and offer assistance.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Winning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am

Respectfully Submitted.

Patricia M. Higgins
Economic Development Consultant