

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

October 17, 2019, 2019

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Tom Winning, Mark Heistand and Mike Kuhn

ALSO PRESENT: Judy Gilleland, City Manager and Pat Higgins, Grant Writer

ABSENT: Jeff Fannin

GUEST: Heidi Grant, President/CEO – First National Bank of Germantown

MINUTES:

Tom Winning called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

The September meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Mark Heistand and Mike Kuhn

Tom continued the meeting by asking Pat to review the business items.

Saturday Nightmare Event – The planned event is scheduled for October 19th from 2:00pm to 7:00pm in the downtown area used for other city events. Heidi reported 30 vendors have signed up to participate.

Façade Improvement Program – Pat provided an update, Historical Society doors have been replaced, awning at Fox Gallery has been replaced, tuck pointing is being done at 24 West Center, painting is also underway at 2 West Center. Pat indicated that the owners of 20 North Main and 18 North Main have submitted applications and are moving forward to obtain façade improvement funding for improvements.

2020 Census – Pat reported that Germantown has joined the Complete Count Committee of Montgomery County and appreciates the Economic Development Committee agreeing to be the Germantown Complete Count Committee. Several questions were asked regarding when, how and who will be conducting the Census. Pat reported she will have a report with details for the next Economic Development Committee meeting.

ODOT Market Street Study – Pat reported that ODOT has hired Jacobs Engineering to conduct the traffic study. Representatives from Jacobs plan to have a day in early November to tour Market Street with community leaders to learn how the traffic patterns have changed, solutions tried in the past and ideas regarding solutions. The committee reviewed a list of possible stakeholders to include in the visit discussions.

ED/GE Grant Application – Pat reported staff is working with The Dupps Company on a grant application to assist in planned upgrades to their facility. Applications are due on November 1 and approval will be determined by mid December.

Other items:

Judy asked if members knew the history of the Economic Development Committee and how appointments to the committee were determined in the past. The discussion included: what does the mission statement included, members need to represent a large spectrum of the community.

With no further business the meeting concluded at 10:12am.

Submitted by:


Patricia M. Higgins, ED Consultant