

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 21, 2019

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Tom Winning, Mark Heistand, Jeff Fannin and Mike Kuhn

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

MINUTES:

Tom Winning called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

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

Tom continued the meeting by asking if Heidi brought up the Mission Statement question. Judy explained over the years, numerous people have asked "what is the purpose of the Economic Development Committee and do we have a mission statement". Judy further explained to avoid a year long discussion regarding what a mission statement should include, she looked at a variety of Economic Development Committee mission statements from various cities and drafted a mission statement for consideration. The draft mission statement and examples for other communities were included in the packet to members. Mark indicated he liked Lebanon's mission statement because of the inclusion of wording on historic preservation. Judy responded by indicating she softened the wording to highlight the historic district. Tom suggested the mission statement be tabled to the next meeting; so everyone could review the wording and share with other community members.

Downtown Business Efforts

Pat reported that both Judy and Pat have been in communication with Michelle Wright regarding downtown events. Pat also attended the Business Meeting in November and heard the plans for the Christmas event on December 14. During the discussion Pat also commented on a discussion regarding potential uses for the vacant church on Cherry Street.

A committee discussion followed regarding the need to establish a process to have funds available to finance projects to preserve buildings. Mark mentioned maybe a CIC or CDC is needed.

ED/GE Grant Application

Pat reported staff is working with The Dupps Company and submitted an ED/GE grant application to Montgomery County. The presentation is on Friday, November 2019. Decision to be made in December.

With no further business the meeting concluded at 9:55am

Submitted by:

Patricia M. Higgins, ED Consultant