

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
City of Germantown
July 18, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Heidi Grant, Tom Winning, Mark Heistand, Ken Tudor, Bryce Henson and Dave Eshbaugh

Also Present: Pat Higgins, Economic Development and City Grant Writer, Mary Crockett, Downtown Manager, Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am

Approval of Minutes

The June 2024 EDC meeting minutes were approved.

Mary Crockett was thanked for her work downtown and Dave Eshbaugh was welcomed as a member of the EDC.

Monthly Update

- Mary opened the discussion by noting progress with outdoor seating opportunities
- Bryce indicated The Florentine's outdoor patio will be open this Saturday. Next Spring the final patio will be completed.
- Ken mentioned he leads bike trips to various communities with interesting places to stop. Bike shops and distilleries are often highlighted.
- Mary reported grant applications for murals and vinyl wraps are still pending with more information regarding funding coming soon.

Economic Development Administration Update

Pat indicated that staff participated in a zoom call with the EDA representative for Ohio to learn more regarding funding possibilities in the future. EDA has grants available for infrastructure projects that will generate jobs. Discussion continued highlighting the possibility of using EDA funds in the Triangle Station area to address water and sewer needs.

Pat also reported that more zoom calls are going to be planned with additional agencies with grant and loan programs that may help with City of Germantown infrastructure needs or loans for small businesses.

Property Maintenance Program

Mike Roseberry reported progress is being made. Properties are getting renovated and projects are being discussed with property owners/business owners. The By Jo was discussed regarding the need to redirect water off of the marquee so repairs can be made. Staff is working with City Engineer to find a solution.

Mike also reported work is being done at First National Bank of Germantown and the former hardware store. Residents are seeing the progress. For owners who are not getting the work done, going

to Court maybe the solution. Mike also reported he attended a regional discussion on property maintenance sponsored by the City of Centerville.

Mike also mentioned several property owners cannot find contractors to complete the needed repairs. He suggested the city explore developing a contractor registration program to assist residents and businesses to find contractors.

Miscellaneous

- Discussion regarding the number of vacant storefronts and the need to develop a list to assist potential business owners to explore possible locations.
- Work to assist the owners of the By Jo, Florentine Restaurant and Laff's with their numerous projects.

The meeting was adjourned by 10:20.