

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
City of Germantown
May 15, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tom Winning, Mike Kuhn, Dave Eshbaugh, Mark Heistand, Bryce Henson, Heidi Grant, Kenneth Tudor

Staff Present: Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance; Judy Gilleland, City Manager

Also Present: Katie Hall, Andrea Cook, Kyle Maxam

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9 am.

Approval of Minutes

The April 17, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Business

The group introduced themselves to the visitors present.

Kyle M is the owner of EyeDocs Family Eye Care. They own a practice in Brookville and are opening a new practice in Germantown.

Andrea C is the superintendent of VV schools.

Business Recruitment

Dave has been connecting property owners with developers

1. Scott Weidle with Kim – Though Scott is not returning calls.
2. Roush – Has been buying properties in town.
3. Dave is working to get more “Mom & Pop” stores in town.
4. Ben DeGroat has all of his units filled.
5. Dave plans to talk with Associates about the property they own.
6. Mike K has had some interested parties reach out, though nothing is being pursued currently.
7. Dave is also talking with Play it Again Sports, though they need a lot of space.
8. A meeting was scheduled with a man looking to open a game store, but it has been rescheduled.
9. The Mexican restaurant is about six weeks out.
10. Dave has talked with Pat about recruiting Culver’s.

Mural Update

FNBG has the background for their mural complete. The art inside Don’s looks good too. Jessi will have a nature themed mural, aimed at MetroParks.

Bryce mentioned pursuing an ordinance change on the legislation that currently prohibits art relating to the business.

Seasonal Alley Closures

Will discussed the records request from Scott Weidle and a proposed idea for a seasonal alley renewal form. Mike K provided more insight into the situation regarding the alley closure that was denied. Bryce shared that he felt the City has been very business friendly in his experience so far.

Haunted Tours

Will shared the dates of the tours, which is available online at the Downtown Germantown Facebook page. They are considering residential tours next year. Ken said he would share these dates with the "Middletown-South Dayton Events" group he is in. He also mentioned the TVT Challenge coming up next month.

Misc.

Kyle shared that the building process is going well at their property. He is excited as he feels Germantown has a similar feel to Brookville, they like the small town feel. He and his wife are the only owners of their business.

Andrea shared that she is looking forward to graduation. There is also an Open House coming up and many fun activities now that testing is complete. Will shared some of the activities that the City has been able to collaborate with the schools on and thanked Andrea for those opportunities.

Katie is meeting with other business owners to discuss future collaboration. They are doing quarterly meetings. Bryce will talk with Katie about some "tap room takeovers" coming up at the Florentine.

Mike K gave some updates on the work he has been doing at his properties.

Will shared that the sponsorship packets for Movies in the Park have been created and have different levels this year.

Judy shared information about a company in Dayton that shaves sidewalks, creating a flatter surface. The group discussed the potential of this for downtown, as well as financing for such a project. A few members expressed having seen this done before and found it aesthetically pleasing. It would not affect drainage.

Heidi shared a brief update on the wayfinding signs. There is a \$200 fee to be placed on them. All of Main St is full, there are spots left on Plum and Cherry.

The group then briefly discussed the handicap "rumble strip" ramps that will be installed on South Main Street.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am