

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

CITY OF GERMANTOWN

APRIL 16, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Mark Heistand, Mike Kuhn, Tom Winning

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am

Approval of minutes

The March 2026 EDC meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Business

Business Recruitment

Judy mentioned recent meetings held with prospective business owners that are looking at spaces downtown. Mike L gave an update on talks he has been having with a commercial developer.

Events

We are waiting for paperwork for the proposed July event.

Ongoing meetings with Historical Society members to plan Founder's Day.

The first Center Street Market is coming up April 29.

America 250

Mike K shared there will be a display in the window of his property on Center St for the occasion. Mark said the Historical Society may be able to lend items.

The group discussed ways the city is considering commemorating America 250, including yard flags for residents. Judy mentioned the "Avenue of Flags" she has seen in other communities.

Other Business

Mike R gave a brief update on Property Maintenance operations.

Tom mentioned that 5 Rivers MetroParks recently announced their new 10-year strategic plan. He suggested we have a representative attend a meeting to give an overview.

Tom also brought back up the need and desire for a development plan in Germantown. The group discussed possibilities and roadblocks. The group then discussed the Downtown Redevelopment plan, including the need for clear goals and a vision for the future. Judy suggested a work session to work on this. Another topic discussed was the need for volunteers from the community.

The group then discussed the current situation at the State level pertaining to property taxes and other current political issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 am