

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 17, 2018

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Mark Heistand, Jeff Fannin, Lynn Koogle and Tom Winning

ABSENT: Mike Kuhn

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Higgins, City Grant Writer

MINUTES:

The April minutes were approved.

BUSINESS:

Tom Winning opened the discussion by asking for updates on current projects.

2018 Downtown Quarterly Business Meetings - Pat Higgins reported the next meeting will be on June 21, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Senior Center. The focus of the meeting would be on the Five Rivers Metroparks plans and the August 18th Five Rivers Metroparks and City of Germantown Joint Event. Eric Sauer and Angie Sheldon from Five Rivers Metroparks will be present to discuss, the Master Plan status and the August 18th joint event.

Five Rivers Metroparks and Germantown Joint Event - Discussion followed regarding the planned event with Five Rivers Metroparks on August 18th. The subcommittee comprised of: Tom Winning, ED Committee member; Angie Riner, Business Owner; Jeff Fannin, Chamber Representative and Nick Ranson, Saturday Night Out Representative had their first meeting on Monday, May 14th. Many good ideas were generated regarding having the schools, businesses and residents being part of the event. The need for a tag line was briefly discussed. Additionally, the committee discussed the need to recruit business assist at the June meeting. The next su-committee meeting is scheduled for May 31 at 1:15pm at Don's Pizza.

Zoning and Building Code Informational Brochure - A discussion followed regarding the draft of the zoning and building code information that will go into a brochure. The committee had several points for staff to work on: first paragraph needs to explain to the reader: why we have codes, why they must be followed and the city is here to help everyone through the process. Mention in the narrative, Germantown is not unique every community has zoning codes and must follow the various state building code requirements. Additional clarification is needed on the language regarding zoning and occupancy permits and more information is needed regarding sign and plumbing requirements. Pat will be reworking the draft to take into consideration the comments.

Healthcare needs and Germantown Assets – The healthcare needs were discussed with Kettering Health Network during the recent visit. Staff prepared a powerpoint and tour to highlight Germantown and the potential market for services. The powerpoint highlighted the geographic area of need is greater than the City of Germantown. Maps included the Valley View and Preble Shawnee School District boundaries and staff highlighted the service area matched the school boundaries. KHN agreed with the service area was greater than the city. On their way out town, the KHN representatives explored several location possibilities.

Pat briefly discussed the planned Community Development Block Grant application for a Façade Improvement Program within the historic district. The program would be a matching grant to address property maintenance code violations. A discussion followed regarding the need to address both commercial and residential properties in the district.

The next meeting is cancelled in preparation for the June 21, 2018 Downtown Business meeting scheduled for June 21st at 5:30pm at the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heistand made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 am

Respectfully Submitted.

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