

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

August 16, 2018

Meeting Minutes

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

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Higgins, City Grant Writer

MINUTES:

The July minutes were approved with a motion by Jeff Fannin and Second by Mark Heistand

Business

Tom Winning began the discussion by asking Pat Higgins for updates.

Saturday Night Out/City of Germantown and Five Rivers Metroparks' Upcoming Event.

Pat began the discussion by indicating this has been a learning experience. The project has included meeting the business owners, distributing flyers, revisiting businesses to seek participation and designing the map. The map will be very useful and one we can build on for a complete picture of downtown businesses. Press coverage has included articles in the Dayton Daily News, and Germantown Press. Flyers are going home with school children tomorrow and the Germantown Pool has been very helpful in giving flyers to pool visitors.

To date 8 participants has registered for the guided hike. Angie from Five Rivers indicated people are signing up during the week of an event so we should expect more people as we get closer. The weather will be a factor.

Finalizing the Building and Zoning Brochure Content,

Pat reported that work continues. However, with regard to including permit fee information, we may want to re-think because the fee amounts from Kelli might scare a new business. Mike Kuhn suggested we indicate the fees only cover the cost of performing the reviews and inspections and they are not revenue generating for the city. A brief discussion followed regarding why Germantown contracts with NIC and are there other options. Mike Kuhn indicated there is another private company that provides inspection services but did not have the name. Lynn Koogle explained that there were inspection problems causing a change to NIC. After a brief discussion, it was decided that an example of the fees related to a specific project might be helpful.

#### October Downtown Business Meeting

Pat suggested the next Downtown Business Meeting be held on October 18, 2018 at 8:30am at the Senior Center. The Downtown Business meeting would take the place of the monthly Economic Development Meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be determined at the September meeting.

#### Other Business

Pat asked if the members have heard from residents or experienced louder traffic noises on Market. Pat indicated one of the businesses mentioned an increase in noise from motorcycles and altered cars. Several committee members live on Market and have not noticed an increase in noise. Trucks and motorcycles can be loud when they stop at the intersection but nothing new in this area.

Conversation led to a discussion of 4 wheel recreation vehicles on the Little Twin Creek trail. Mike Kuhn indicated he will be working on this with Judy.

Jeff Fannin asked if more dog waste bag locations can be added downtown so we can be recognized as a dog friendly community. Mike indicated he would talk to Kelli and Judy.

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

*Prepared by:*

*Patricia M. Higgins*