

Minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Board's July 19, 2022 Meeting

I. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Goad, Paul Yaroslaski, Jason Curtis, Wayne Staphany, Rod Zinn (by phone), Lacey Lies, Lisa Wilson, Tabatha Snodgrass

Absent: Lori Kelley

Excused:

Guests: Mayor Dean A. Hayse, John Garris, Mason Carter

II. Discussion

a. Presentation on value mapping

Mason Carter gave a presentation on Value Mapping.

Chuck Goad asked if more information could be gathered to help find correlations in age of structure and income differences.

Mayor Hayes said mapping of data is very applicable to our investments. As low values progress we can see that there is movement over time. This type of data should be utilized to see how the City could intervene.

b. Update on Commission direction for a Gap Financing Policy

The Commission indicated they were not interested at this time.

c. Update on amendments to the Neighborhood Revitalization Districts allowing the transfer of incentives to the initial purchaser

The Commission approved an amendment at the last meeting to allow incentives to the initial purchaser in residential areas.

d. Request from Independence Main Street

Tabatha Snodgrass is looking for some help with restaurants having seating for people with clients or special events. Since Brother's Railroad Inn closed we no longer have that in Independence.

Chuck Goad suggested recruiting a new restaurant.

Jason Curtis said prices have tripled since January plus it is more difficult to get people willing to work.

e. Update from the BEST Committee

Lisa Wilson said that BEST continues to meet on a monthly basis and it is still very viable and continues to be utilized.

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f. Update from the Broadband Committee

Wayne Stephany said that the committee is still reaching out and gathering information. Right now we are facing the question of is the service poor enough that it is worth getting grants. The State people keep leading us back to the whole county which is very underserved.

Tabatha Snodgrass said all day on Friday no one was able to run credit cards at the downtown businesses.

g. Other items for discussion

Lacey Lies will be going over the policy review at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be August 2nd.

III. Adjournment

Motion:

On the motion of Chuck Goad, seconded by Paul Yaroslaski the Board adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Chuck Goad, Paul Yaroslaski, Jason Curtis, Wayne Staphany, Rod Zinn

Nay: None

Charles W Goad

Charles W Goad (Dec 30, 2022 09:10 CST)

Chuck Goad, Chairperson

Paul Yaroslaski

Paul Yaroslaski, Secretary