

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Erin Folk, Tom Golden, Merlin Hageman, Tom Mahoney, Aaron Sitze, Terry Schuster.

Absent: Andrew Dettman, Beth Henderson, and John Von Tish.

Also present: Charlene Ruthe-City Clerk

Minutes: Approved February 2016 minutes. Motion carried. No Nays.

Reporter, Chris Johnson, commented on how nice the Snyder's/ACE building looks. Everyone agreed.

Building Code guidelines: Discussion took place about what to have for a design in the downtown area. Talked about possibly hiring an architect to help rebuild/revamp. Lena already has a design plan in place and if anyone else can think of other communities please let the rest of the committee know.

Business Packets: This is going to be part of the website update. DECO representative, Carrie Zethmayr, is going to help with putting the packet together.

Website: Terry will be meeting with Penny McIntire this week. City employees will be working on data to put on. Erin is going to get pictures to Terry of different events that happen in the community to put on the website. Hoping to have updated website ready for everyone's review in April of this year.

Budget: Terry informed the committee that about \$15,000.00 is uncalled for in the Economic Development line item of the budget. Website cost and Teska updating the Comprehensive Plan have already been set aside. Don asked if he could have a report at the next meeting.

Teska update: The survey has been compiled by Teska and Assoc. and sent to all the city committees. Hoping to have a combined Economic Development meeting with Plan Commission members sometime soon.

Calendar: Tom suggested a calendar be put into place so that each committee member would have access to it. He will be working on that.

Mapping process: "Oregon Together" committee members have the planning process in place. They will be having five (5) three hour meetings starting April 11th 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Rock River Center. They already have twenty-two people that said they would attend. They are hoping to get forty to sixty people. Anyone wanting to attend is to contact Donna Mann.

Future Project: It was suggested by members that the committee have a special meeting to discuss implementing a design to create how the downtown should look and focus on this one item. Monday March 7th at 5:00 PM will be a special meeting just to discuss implementing a design; it will be at the School District Office -10th Street & Jefferson. Don will be sending out an agenda on Thursday.

Adjourned at 6:05PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe