

**Economic Development Commission
Thursday, May 7, 2009
Department of Development Blue Room
1920 South Germantown Road**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission was held Thursday, May 7, 2009, in the Department of Development Blue Room. Chairman Jerry Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and a quorum was established.

PRESENT: Chairman Jerry Klein, Jane Clark, James Danielik, Chris Harrison, Rocky Janda, Charles McCraw, Brian Pecon, Alderman Carole Hinely and Planning Commission Liaison Susan Burrow.

ABSENT: Thom Parzinger, Chris Harrison, John Wagener and Lyle Muller.

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Administrator Andy Pouncey and Economic Development Coordinator Katie Graffam.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Rocky Janda, seconded by Jane Clark, to approve the March 12, 2009, minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rocky Janda, seconded by Jane Clark, to approve the April 2, 2009, minutes. Motion passed.

2009 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chamber of Commerce

Charlie McCraw highlighted the following Chamber activities:

- The Business Expo had 105 exhibitors.
- Small growth in membership.
- Golf tournament on June 22nd.

Existing Business

Katie Graffam reported business visits were conducted for Dazzle and Saddles 'n Such, and both are doing well.

Home Business

Katie Graffam reported on a meeting with the Chamber's small business network. They had many questions regarding signage and business permits which were answered. They are pleased to now understand the role of the Economic Development Commission.

Medical Community

Katie Graffam reported the revisions to the medical sign ordinance are on the Design Review Commission agenda for approval this month.

Nutcracker Campaign

No report.

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Poplar/TDOT

Andy Pouncey reported the project has been dropped from TDOT's list. It may still be eligible for next fiscal year.

Programs

Brian Pecon reported Larry Papasan from INNOVA will speak at the next Economic Development Commission meeting.

Publicity/Developers Meeting

No report.

Retail/Business Centers

James Danielik announced his resignation due to a job assignment in Iraq. He stated he has enjoyed his time spent on this commission and hopes to be involved when he returns.

Smart Growth

No report.

Economic and Community Development (Projects in Progress)

Katie Graffam gave a short presentation of current projects.

Budget Report

Katie Graffam presented the FY10 Economic Development Commission budget.

IDB Report

Katie Graffam reported the Industrial Development Board voted to send the charter amendment to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval to allow the IDB to issue bonds for financing public improvements in the Smart Growth district. The BMA is due to vote on it next Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.