

**Economic Development Commission
Thursday, January 7, 2010
Administration Conference Room
1930 South Germantown Road**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission was held Thursday, January 7, 2010, in the Administration Conference Room. Chairman Jerry Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Jerry Klein, Chris Harrison, Rocky Janda, Marc Johnson, Thom Parzinger, Brian Pecon, Richard Remmert, Donald Robbins, John Wagner, Jeffrey Weesner and Alderman Carole Hinely.

STAFF Economic and Development Services Director Andy Pouncey and Economic Development
PRESENT: Coordinator Katie Graffam.

INTRODUCTION OF 2010 COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Klein recognized the three new commissioners, Marc Johnson, Richard Remmert and Jeff Weesner, who introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their backgrounds. Donald Robbins arrived later.

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Klein opened nominations for a vice chairman.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Brian Pecon as vice chairman. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 1, 2009 and November 19, 2009 minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

There was no December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 Year End Report

The commissioners were provided with the 2009 Year End Report in their packets. The report will be presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to inform them of the activities of the Economic Development Commission's activities.

Andy Pouncey, for the benefit of the new commissioners, briefly reviewed some of the Commission's activities mentioned in the report. Highlights of his presentation were: the Business Expo Power Breakfast, business visitation, the Germantown Chamber of Commerce, sidewalk sales, medical signage, Poplar Avenue TDOT effort, Smart Growth, speakers, the Industrial Development Board and the PILOTS program.

Economic Development Commission 2010 Budget

The commissioners were provided with a copy of the budget in their packets. Katie Graffam gave a brief overview of the budget.

2010 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Medical Device Industry

Chairman Klein and Brian Pecon reviewed the medical device initiative and the involvement of the Economic Development Commission in this attracting this type of industry to the area.

Enhancing Storefronts

There was a discussion on the issue of enhancing the storefronts by displaying artwork in windows of vacant properties and the problem of liability and insurance requirements of the property owner.

Chairman Klein will talk with Tania Moskalenko, GPAC Executive Director, regarding the artwork display program at GPAC and will bring a report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Farmer's Market

Katie Graffam and Brian Pecon reviewed problems to be worked out, such as the problem of insurance, growth and the issue of maintaining the small town atmosphere.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PROJECTS IN PROGRESS)

Katie Graffam reported on projects now underway.

Poplar Avenue

There was a brief discussion of the lines and light poles along Poplar Avenue.

Business Permits

Andy Pouncey reported on recent business permits.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be February 4, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.