

CITY OF GERMANTOWN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Thursday, August 1, 2019
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Steven Levy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum:
Commissioners Present: Bo Adams, and Steven Levy (Vice Chairman), Brian Pecon, Keith Saunders, Jim Lefler, Andrea Baird, Mark Ruleman, Cliff Sulcer, and Rick Towne

Commissioners Absent: Jerry Klein (Chairman), Alderman Rock Janda, Janet Geyer, and Ryan Heimke

Staff Present: Cameron Ross, Economic and Community Development Director; and Marie Lisco, Economic Development Manager

Guest Speaker: Andrew (Andy) Pouncey, City Historian

Vice Chairman Steven Levy welcomed Mark Ruleman who is a board member of the Germantown Chamber.

3. Approval of the Minutes:
Ms. Baird moved to approve the Economic Development Commission minutes of the May 2, 2019 meeting, seconded by Mr. Pecon.

MOTION PASSED

4. Reports-Monthly/Quarterly:
Ms. Lisco attended the Tennessee/Kentucky ICSC conference and had some good meetings.

Planning/Small Area Plan - Nodes/Districts:

- i. Central Business District (Smart Code) – The Container Store-opening date September 14, same day as Trader Joe’s one year anniversary. Moondance-October opening. Nest Décor will open in Germantown Collection, Kohesian pulled a building permit, and the Verizon store is going in between BurgerFi and McAlister's Deli. A boutique called Cashmere and Roses will open at Thornwood. UNTUCKit is opening at Saddle Creek and Altar’d State is working towards a fall opening. The Beer Garden seems to be going strong each weekend.
 - ii. East Poplar Avenue (at Forest Hill-Irene) – Wimpy’s has opened. Target remodeling is underway. Warehouse 67 will be opening soon on Forest Hill Irene Road.
 - iii. West Poplar Avenue District (Smart Code) –
 - iv. Wolf River – Campbell Clinic construction is on target for October 4, and the Fulmer property has been rezoned from residential to office.
 - v. Forest Hill Heights (Smart Code) – Winchester Road mill and overlay, on the FHI Road widening project will be finished in February. The Forest Hill Elementary school is starting on August 12.
5. Germantown IDB:
Ms. Lisco stated the next IDB meeting is Thursday, August 15.
 6. Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce:
Mark Ruleman shared information about the first issue of the combined Germantown/Go! Magazine; Taste of the Town is August 24, 2019, at the Great Hall and Conference Center; The Big Read event at Huey’s on September 16; and Information Matrix PBS show on Cities on the Rise.

7. New/Old Business:

Bo Adams and Andrea Baird gave an update on the EDC Subcommittee survey.

Andrew (Andy) Pouncey, City Historian discussed “Celebrate Shelby” the Shelby County Bicentennial Party at Shelby Farms on Sunday, November 24, 2019 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and invited the EDC to participate.

1. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. The next EDC meeting will be on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.