

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Thursday, May 6, 2010
Department of Development Blue Room
1920 South Germantown Road

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

PRESENT: Chairman Jerry Klein, Alderman Carole Hinely, Rocky Janda, Marc Johnson, Charlie McCraw, Thom Parzinger, Brian Pecon, Richard Remmert, John Wagner and Susan Burrow

ABSENT: Chris Harrison, Donald Robbins and Jeff Weesner

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Marc Johnson and seconded by Rocky Janda to approve the minutes of April 1, 2010 as distributed. Motion approved.

2010 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Project ArtFront

Chairman Klein reported that the kickoff party of the Carrefour exhibit was delayed a few weeks. The event should be held after Memorial Day weekend in June.

b. Medical Device Industry

Brian Pecon reported that he met with Steve Bares and Brandon Wellford of the Memphis Bioworks Foundation (MBF) to discuss three possible sites for medical device companies. MBF was going to inspect the sites and report back to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) their findings. If the MBF does not find a satisfactory site, Pecon offered the alternative of EmergeMemphis becoming involved in the project.

c. Chamber liaison – Charlie McCraw

Charlie McCraw reported that the Business Expo, held on April 20th, was a sell-out. Overall, the participants reported a very good turn-out. Additionally, the Germantown Chamber has picked up 11 new memberships, four members have dropped and 48 memberships were renewed in April, resulting in a net gain for the month. The next Chamber event is the annual golf tournament, which will be held at the Germantown Country Club on June 21st.

d. Planning Commission Liaison – Susan Burrow

Susan Burrow informed the EDC of the Dogwood Ridge application that was approved by the Planning Commission in May. Dogwood Ridge was granted outline plan approval and preliminary plan approval for an assisted-living facility on the south side of Poplar, just east of Kimbrough.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Projects In Progress)

Katie Graffam reported on the projects recently approved by the Design Review and Planning Commissions.

DISCUSSION OF 2010 EDC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

a. Subcommittee Generation

Chairman Klein recommended the following subcommittees:

1. Project ArtFront
2. Business Visits
3. Nutcracker Project
4. Medical Device Industry

OLD BUSINESS

John Wagner inquired if anyone had set up a business visit with the owners of the Germantown Country Club. After finding that it had not occurred, Wagner volunteered to schedule the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Pouncey informed the commissioners that he would update everyone on the current and upcoming City projects at the next meeting for business visit purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be June 3, 2010.