

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Thursday, October 7, 2010
Blue Conference Room
1930 South Germantown Road

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

PRESENT: Chris Harrison, Alderman Carole Hinely, Jerry Klein, Charlie McCraw, Brian Pecon and John Wagner

ABSENT: Susan Burrow, Rocky Janda, Marc Johnson, Thomas Parzinger, Richard Remmert, Donald Robbins and Jeff Weesner

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

MINUTES

The minutes were not approved as a quorum was not present.

2010 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Project ArtFront

Chairman Klein reported that no progress had been made since the previous meeting. Alderman Hinely expressed her desire to restart the project. Mr. Pouncey stated he and staff would visit the two other galleries in Germantown to discuss with them their thoughts about the project.

b. Medical Device Industry

Mr. Pouncey reported that Dr. Steve Bares of the Memphis Bioworks Foundation met with Patrick Lawton, City Administrator. While there is no seed money available in the current fiscal year, Mr. Pouncey felt that a presentation at the January retreat for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen would be beneficial to the project.

c. Business Visits

Ms. Graffam reported that several visits had been made by various members of the EDC, and requested that everyone remember to turn their forms into her when they were complete.

d. Nutcracker Campaign

Chairman Klein notified the commission that he contacted the presidents of the neighborhood associations in Germantown and received little interest in the Nutcracker project. Therefore, he made an executive decision to scratch the project for this calendar year.

e. Chamber liaison – Charlie McCraw

Mr. McCraw reported on the success of the Annual Taste of the Town event held by the Germantown Chamber on September 26th. The next event will be the Annual Fashion Show on Thursday, October 21st during their monthly luncheon.

f. Planning Commission liaison – Susan Burrow

Ms. Burrow was not present

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Projects In Progress)

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Wagner requested a site plan of the pending Poplar Avenue improvement from TDOT. Ms. Graffam said she would give him that information.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pouncey informed the commission of a recent meeting held with the new Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell, suburban chambers and municipal representatives concerning federal funding for economic development.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be November 4, 2010.