

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, December 2, 2010**  
**Blue Conference Room**  
**1920 South Germantown Road**

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) was held Thursday, December 2, 2010, in the Blue Conference Room. Chairman Jerry Klein called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Susan Burrow, Chris Harrison, Rocky Janda, Jerry Klein, Brian Pecon, Richard Remmert, Donald Robbins, John Wagner, Marc Johnson and Jeff Weesner

**ABSENT:** Alderman Carole Hinely, Thomas Parzinger, and Charlie McCraw

**STAFF PRESENT:** Andy Pouncey, Economic and Development Services Director

**MINUTES**

The November minutes will be available for the January meeting.

**2010 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Home-Based Business

Home-Based Business was brought up again as a project to highlight in 2011. Staff will email Donald Robbins a list of businesses prior to the next meeting. Before the next meeting, we will also attempt to identify all home-based businesses with a business license.

b. Medical Device Industry

Dr. Bares had been invited to make a presentation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at a Board work session before their annual retreat on January 5. The work session will run from 5 – 9 on that Wed and the Incubator Program is now the third item up. For those wanting to attend, I would at least wait until 6:15 p.m. to arrive. Please wait outside the room until the previous session is over. The presentation is in the Multi-Media Room in the Great Hall.

c. Poplar/TDOT

Staff is currently seeking proposals to relocate the overhead communication lines to underground. The intersections being considered are Poplar at West, Germantown Road and Exeter as well as Germantown Road and West Farmington. The Poplar widening project is being re-bid in the month of December 2010.

d. Programs (Future)

In the coming year, the Commission will develop an Economic Development Strategy and referencing Vision 2020 (Economic Sustainability Plan) and Code.

d. Retail/Business Centers

There were no business visits in November.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Pouncey reported on visiting the Frame Corner in Germantown Collection and will follow up with Art Reach and Atelier in December. The Commission is inclined to bring this project back into existence. The GPAC, who handled the project in 2010, would like an assurance that if it takes up the project again, it will not be discontinued. They took a public relations hit on this project when it was discontinued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Memphis & Shelby County attorneys are working with staff to modify the existing MOU.

The next BMA meeting on Monday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> will include a Proclamation celebrating the work of the Economic Development Commission and member John Wagner with the Germantown Farmer's Market. The EDC is also invited to attend for the recognition of Alderman Carole Hinely who spent eight (8) years in the service of the City and served a portion of that time as liaison to the Economic Development Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be January 6, 2011.