

Economic Development Committee
October 8, 2029

Present: Ron Rzasa (Chair), Fran Shippee (BOS Representative), Robert Korb, Julianna Dodson, John Pieper, & Faith Mba

Guests: Jeff Scott, Todd Horner & Judy Idelkope

Meeting called to order: 5:01 PM via Zoom

COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically, etc.

Presiding: Ron Rzasa

Secretary Report: Minutes from the Sept 24, 2020

Rob motioned and Faith 2nd to approve the minutes as written – approved unanimously

Old Business

1. **Welcome Package:** The Welcome package is complete. Julianna compiled it into four 2-sided pages, hand addressed them to make it more personal, and closed them with an “EDC seal” on the back. She will go to the post office to verify that they only require one stamp. She noted that by being 2-sided, there is still room for more information.
2. **Chesterfield Business Listings:** To expedite the organization and division of business listings compiled by Fran, John, and Todd, it was decided that the next meeting should be in person. In the meantime, the old business listings on the website will be broken up alphabetically and businesses contacted using the script Julianna created. The listings were broken down as follows:

Julianna – A, B, C	Judy – M, N, O
Rob – D, E, F	John – P, Q, R, S
Ron – G, H, I	Fran – T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z
Faith – J, K, L	

3. **Enchanted Café:** Ron and Todd spoke with the potential buyer and will continue to make contact, assisting in any way possible.
4. **Copper Cannon Sign:** John has heard nothing from Blake.
5. **Signage Petition:** The petition has been sent to all members to review. Please send John any comments. It still requires an official heading and the 25 signatures. John will contact Tricia to be advised on how the petition should be formatted. Signatures are not viewed as a problem.
6. **Helping New Businesses:** Ron & Todd developed a script for gathering data from businesses during the follow up interviews. Todd will forward it out to the committee.
7. **Commercial Listings:** Because of ethical and legal issues, Judy cannot provide a list of potential commercial properties for the EDC website. However, she can provide a list for the EDC membership to use strictly as a reference. It cannot be made public and should be noted it is in constant flux.
8. **2021 EDC Budget:** Ron and Fran finalized the EDC budget. The BOS approved it on Oct. 7th.
9. **Thomas Site:** The site has changed hands and the EDC is invited to view it. Because it is important for the membership to be familiar with the property, they will meet at the site on October 22 at 4:30pm. After reviewing the property, the new owner will be invited to an EDC meeting.

New Business:

1. **24 Acres on Route:** Ron contacted the seller. The asking price is \$250,000. Affordable Senior housing is a recurring issue in Chesterfield. By affordable, the housing should be around \$150 – 180, 000 per unit. This location has potential. The following were some thoughts on the subject: To keep it affordable, the town may have to own the land. This would cover the site plan, well, and septic issues. How many units? Rental or owned? The DOT may find access an issue. The direction would be for transitional housing for those individuals desiring to downsize, and not include a care unit. It would be for clientele would like to stay in town but have outside maintenance. Because of the scope of the project, this will take years to create. Where to start?
 - a. After the election, discuss with Jay Kahn or our new State Senator, how the State can help.
 - b. Investigate how senior housing was introduced and implemented in Keene & Hinsdale.
 - c. Meet with the BOS for their input.

Next Meeting: Fran will investigate where the committee can meet in person on Oct. 22. Before the meeting, the committee will gather at the Thomas Property to review it.

Next Meeting Date
Thursday, October 22, 2020
Thomas Property at 4:30PM
Committee Meeting to Follow
Location TBA

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28PM

Respectfully Submitted by,
Donna Roscoe, Secretary
October 8, 2020