

Economic Development Committee
June 17, 2021 - Final

Present: Ron Rzasa (Chair), Julianna Dodson, Kelli Hanzalik (BOS Representative)

Absent: John Pieper

Guests: Jeff Scott & Mary Ewell

Meeting was called to Order at 6:20pm

Presiding: Ron Rzasa

Secretary Report:

Minutes of the June 3rd meeting were unanimously approved as amended

Resignation: Faith Mba resigned on June 6th because of family obligations due to serious illnesses

New Business

1. **Brownfield issue:** It was decided to investigate what other towns did to remediate similar sites. This information is publicly available. Kelli will look through the list of sites to see how Phase 3 remediation was successfully completed without risk to the town involved.
2. **Mary Ewell:** Ron made the motion that *“In lieu of the fact Mary has been approved but not sworn in by the BOS yet, the committee will make her a consultant for this meeting.”* Kelli seconded; it was approved unanimously. This enabled Mary to have continuous input into the meeting.
3. **Business Mixer:** The invitations have all been sent. Julianna met with Todd Horner to discuss the agenda. The goal of the meeting is for folks to meet each other and spend time together. Some suggestions:
 - a. Interaction poster stations with questions to write answers on.
 - b. There should be only a 5–10-minute introduction
 - c. Highlight projects EDC has worked on like the questions that Todd and Ron had put together.
 - i. During the meeting, the questions were sent out to review and discuss. Julianna will have Todd edit them. Some suggestions:
 - i. What resources do you find in Chesterfield that are helpful?
 - ii. What makes a town business friendly?
 - iii. What part of the process could be improved?
 - d. Sign-in table with name tags and have special name tags for EDC members.
 - e. Matt Beauregard, code enforcement officer, is putting together something for Ron to read.
 - f. Julianna will provide the contact list from the January mixer for members to personally call as word of mouth will draw more folks in. Presently there has been only one RSVP.
4. **Generator Technician School:** Ron noticed Al Powers on Facebook posting that Michele wanted to move a Generator Technician School to Chesterfield. He tried to contact her. In the meantime, he contacted Dave Gale, present owner of Thomas Property, and discovered he had already spoken with her. The EDC is willing to help facilitate this possible business.
5. **Marsh House:** The potential buyers will return to the Planning Board on Monday, June 20th with the revisions requested.
6. **Zoning Regulation:** John has agreed to work on this

7. **People's Table:** EDC has the table for the month of July. There was discussion on what it should feature:
 - a. Welcome package printouts
 - b. EDC Business cards
 - c. A jar containing the message: Guess how many businesses are in Chesterfield? A QR code will direct the viewer to the answer on the website's business listings. Also, the answer will be on the bottom. This will direct traffic to the website and hopefully make residents aware of
 - d. Notice about the July 22 mixer. Ron and Mary will work on the printing with Tammy at Gem Graphics
 - e. Kelli has volunteered to monitor the table.
8. **Rules of Procedure:** Although the EDC doesn't need them, they will make things run smoother.
9. **Senior Housing:** On June 30th, The BOS will meet with SWC's Keith Thibault to discuss Senior Housing possibilities and procedures.
10. **Radically Rural Sept 22 -23rd:** Kellie and Ron are both interested in attending. Kelli will be in person and Ron virtually. Julianna made the motion that *"The EDC approve the Early Bird costs of \$49 for the virtual participation and \$129 for the in-person attendance."* The motion passed unanimously. Individuals will purchase the tickets directly and send in for reimbursement. The webpage is: <https://radicallyrural.org/2021-program-tracks/>
11. **Time:** Due to obvious schedule issues, the EDC meetings will be moved to 5:45pm
12. **Zoom:** It was decided that the zoom option will be made available to the general public until further notice.

Public Comment: None
Adjourned: 7:20PM

Next Meeting
Thursday, July 1st
5:45PM
Town Office

Respectfully Submitted by,
Donna Roscoe, Secretary
June 17, 2021