

ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

February 7, 2022

The Downtown Lebanon Economic Vitality Committee met on Monday, February 7, 2022 at The Rail Restaurant. The following committee members were present: Chris Walters, Donna Karch, Travis Townsend, Brett Burnell, Brian Thompson, and Kim Light. Absent members: Randy Angst, Jaiden Offutt, and Kim Breeden. Also attending: Steve Hite. Notes were kept by Executive Director Cynthia Coffman.

Presentation

Joe Berkich, senior planner for the City of Lebanon, presented information about zoning in the Downtown Business District. Currently, Downtown is encompassed in a C-2 district. The City recommends Downtown be formed into its own district with a separate set of permissible and conditional property uses. Conditional usage requires a review prior to permitting; a request may or may not be approved by Planning & Zoning and the City Council.

Berkich and the committee reviewed a comprehensive list of commercial uses and discussed each one. He gained an understanding of how the committee views the future of the Downtown Business District and planned to produce a draft ordinance for review by EV.

Downtown Block Reports

After a brief review of the block reporting project, Walters said he would send out a list of block assignments. Townsend suggested setting a deadline for completion of initial rounds on the blocks, possibly March 31st. Coffman agreed to work on a document explaining the purpose and process for block walking.

Transformation Strategy Worksheets

The committee talked about what current and potential activities of the Economic Vitality Committee would address the transformation strategies adopted by Downtown Lebanon, to be visitor-oriented and family-centric. Walters and Coffman offered to work on items for the committee's consideration at the next committee meeting.

Next Meeting

The committee determined that it would hold a special meeting on February 22nd to move ahead on block assignments and transformation strategies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Donna M. Karch

Chairman Chris Walters

Co-Chair Donna M. Karch

ATTEST:

Cynthia H. Coffman

Executive Director Cynthia Coffman

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