

**Economic Development Commission
Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Thursday, January 11, 2018 8:30 a.m.

To: Committee Members

Graham Foust, Chair
Matt Junghans
Mayor, Pat Landes

Willie Thornberg
Mark Powers
Mark Stenstrom

Clint Francis
County Commissioner, Charles Stimatze

From: Graham Foust, Chairman

Minutes

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Please respect others by turning all cell phones off and not talking when someone else is. Thank you!

I. Call the Meeting to Order:

8:34 a.m. Graham Foust (3-0), Chair called the meeting to order. In attendance were, Clint Francis (2-1), Matt Junghans (3-0), Mark Powers (3-0), Pat Landes (3-0), Charles Stimatze (3-0), Amie Armstrong and Mickey Fornaro-Dean. Not in attendance was Mark Stenstrom (0-3).

II. Approval of Agenda:

Mark Powers moved, Matt Junghans seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7/0.

III. Approval of Minutes: January 2018

Mark Powers moved, Matt Junghans seconded to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried 7/0.

IV. Financial Report:

Katrina presented the financial report for January.

Mark Powers moved, Clint Junghans seconded to accept the January Financials. Motion carried 7/0.

V. Public Comments:

Graham welcomed all guests as well as the newest board member Willie Thornberg, who was appointed by the County.

VI. Old Business/New Business:

a. Update and presentation from Network Kansas and E-Community with Shelley Paasch and Eric Peterson- Shelley Paasch and Eric Peterson gave updates to the group on E-Community. Loan activity has increased tremendously. Over the last 10 years 440 loans have been dispersed and out of those 440 loans, 94 have been used just in the last year. Eric discussed dispersing E-Community loans by region. There was considerable discussion amongst the group.

b. Potential recruiting and Economic Development events in 2018- Mickey reviewed the potential trade shows and events she will be attending in 2018. She is trying attend between 5-10 events.

VII. Action Items

Decision on Board members- There was a discussion on board members.

Pat Landes moved and Clint Francis seconded to re-appoint Graham Foust as Chairman. Motion carried 7/0.

Matt Junghans moved and Charles Stimatze seconded to appoint Mark Powers as Vice Chairman. Motion carried 7/0.

Decision for Aging Well request- After a considerable discussion on the Aging Well request, the committee agreed that a letter of support would be the best way to show the support from the EDC Advisory Committee. Mickey will prepare the letter for Graham as Chairman, to sign.

Charles Stimatze moved, Pat Landes seconded to approve a letter of support for the Aging Well project. Motion carried 7/0.

VIII. Monthly Updates

A. NRP:

See Attachment

B. Building Permits

See Attachment.

C. WRC:

None

IX. Director's Report

A. Director's Report/ Updates

Mickey delivered her verbal report for December.

-Amie is still working on updating the EDC website. She has been in contact with Marketing Alliance, the webpage designer.

-Grow JC Committee is putting together a community inventory list. Amie is working on gathering information on organizations and groups in the area to make this inventory list.

-There are currently 30-35 people signed up to attend the Leaders Retreat in Olathe.

-Flint Hills Regional Council received a grant for a website call 'Communities to Call Home'. They will present to the JC 1st for funding of the website.

B. Prospect Report

Mickey delivered her verbal report for December. There are 58 active prospects currently, with 4 E-Community loan applications out.

X. Chairman's Remarks

Graham gave his condolences to Allen Dinkel and family for the passing of his Mother-in-Law.

XI. Announcements

None.

XII. Adjourn – Next meeting February 8, 2018

There was a joined consensus to adjourn the January EDC meeting at 9:55 A.M. Motion carried 7/0.