Economic Development Committee MTG Minutes for 1/17/19
7:30 AM Lancaster City Hall – Port Authority Conference Room – 2nd Floor

Members Present- Chair- Don McDaniel, Holly Miller-Downour and Randy Groff
Others Present- CDBG Director- Mary Jo Smith, Economic Development Director Mike Pettit, Mayor Dave Scheffler, DDL Executive Director Amanda Everitt, Chamber of Commerce President Travis Markwood and SSD Paul Martin.

CDBG- Mary Jo Smith-

- CDBG Programming Schedule FY 2019
- CHIP Grant Agreement for PY 2018 process
- Housing Rehab - Applications being accepted for home repair, sidewalks
- Working on adding data to software for all activities.
- 2018 Closeout of CDBG Grant.
- Singer Damage Claim: related to downtown revitalization. Property damage as a result of not reconnecting downspouts to storm drains.
- CDBG request from “The Well” additional money.
- March 27th CDBG Public Hearing # 1 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm, 11 S. Broad Street. FY 2019 CDBG

Economic Development Update- Economic Development Director Mike Pettit:

- Project ROTI- # 1 site in Ohio, looking at Mondi Building
- Project GWN- Material went out to state and company. Canada- Huge Company. Lancaster is only central Ohio prospect. This is 400-500 high tech jobs. Decision coming soon.
- Project Charge – 42 acres at Rockmill, going well. Company reviewing.
- Project Swenson looking at Spec building.
- Project Royal Board also looking at spec building.
- Ohio 1 site certification on all 3 major sites- (Rockmill/Ruble/Spec Building). Rockmill Completed. Ruble Park soon.
- Site behind Lancaster Bingo- $21,000 grant received towards the needed reports on this site. Transload Facility. 28 acres, with rail.
- Port Authority selling 1.75 on back side of Carbon Court.
- Carbon Court Building leased to plastics operation
- Port Authority has renovated conference room on 2nd floor of city hall, offices will move to city hall offices soon.
- Timber Top- Developer has a plan for a development and is working with city on a 77-acre site. Developer has a contract with Brad Hutchinson for property. This is VERY preliminary planning phase. Must go through planning commission, must be annexed to receive any city services. Traffic study will be required. Plans includes an Assisted
Living Facility, Condos, possible site set aside for a Fire Station. More details coming soon.

- Development proposal for 10 acres where old Highway Patrol location. On Memorial Drive. Developer is not providing details of their proposal yet; next step would be a traffic study. But without details, city cannot approve or allow this to move forward.
- Eastside Restaurant project on SW corner of Main and Ewing.
- If the High School levy is approved LCS would need to move their bus barns. They are looking to possibly moving bus barns to Transload Facility site on Lawrence St near S. Ewing St.

**Mayor David Scheffler**-

Press Release regarding Lynch Building purchased and is being rehabbed for building “Shipping Container Hosing”.

CRA Overlay was discussed. Our Pre-1994 CRA has been amended. City is allowed one more amendment. Council would have to approve any new CRA’s.

**Chamber of Commerce – Travis Markwood**

- Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at Fisher Catholic HS. May shorten the event in case of bad weather.
- Conference Room updated at Chamber office for meetings, training, etc…
- Goals for 2019: Look at dues structure, membership engagement and marketing
- 6th largest COC in Central Ohio

**Downtown- Amanda Everitt**

- Annual Gathering and Meeting January 24th @ 5:30 pm
- 2nd Floor office space in Mithoff rented to a dental hygiene training school.
- “High End” Day Spa on Columbus Street side of Mithoff.
- 400 S Broad Street working on women’s only gym.
- Bowman Building - Food Truck from Circleville to open site there, or another spot
- Glass Museum in contract.
- 117 N. Columbus apartment completed upstairs.
- Keller Market - small kitchen being built.
- Discussed changes to Open Refreshment Areas
- DDL received $12,000.00 grant for signage for off-street parking in downtown area. Allow visitors downtown to know where can park.
- DDL and City are working with Charge Point looking for grants to install electric vehicle charging stations. AEP grants will pay entire costs for these stations, if approved. It would be in form of a reimbursement.

Motion (Miller-Downour) and 2nd (Groff) made to adjourn.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 AM