



Anderson County Development Agency

Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:18pm. In attendance: Casey Smith, Doug Rockers, Les McGhee, County Commissioner, Dwight Nelson, Jody Cole, City Commissioner, Eileen Burns, Julie Turnipseed, Director and Guests Paula Scott with Garnett Community Heart and Soul and Janet Miller from Network KS.
- II. Guest: Paula Scott: Made a Community Heart & Soul presentation.
- III. Approval of Minutes -June 21, 2022: Doug made a motion to accept as presented, Les seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Review June & July 2022 Financial Statements: Dwight made a motion to approve as presented, Les seconded. Motion Passed.
- V. New Business
 - a. Business Recruitment and Retention Activity
 - i. New Business Activity:
 1. Family Tree/Family Dollar property demolition has begun.
 2. Short Stop has started clearing their property as well. Looking at March before either will open.
 - ii. Business Retention & Expansion Report
 - iii. Everygy Conversation:
 1. Discussion on attached report. Discussed prioritizing the needs to get a company to decide on Garnett: Labor study, housing study, master plan, business park.
 2. Discussion on housing obstacles, housing study, land that could be used for Senior Housing to free up open market housing.
 3. Julie will get costs on getting a housing study and Dwight will see if he can get funding to pay for it.
 - b. Downtown Revitalization
 - i. Update: see attached
 1. Goppert, Rotary, Garnett Grand Prix, etc. helped fund the uniform plantings in new planters downtown.

2. Jody working on a Façade Grant Program
3. Seeking a starter fund of \$10,000 in donations

c. Childcare

- i. Childcare Center – update- Karen Caylor is new Director and they are still working to get open.

d. Housing

- i. SEK, Inc Housing Coalition
- ii. Meeting with Coffey County Housing Authority Director

e. Morning Mingle

- i. September Meeting - Business Coach - \$150 (split w/Chamber)

VI. Other Business - none

VII. Directors Report - see attached. Eileen reported on her Peer-to-Peer visit at the Kirk House and the valuable feedback given during this visit from this group of business owners.

VIII. Adjourn: 5:51pm. Casey moved to adjourn, seconded by Les.

IX. Next Meeting: September 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m. City Hall