



Anderson County Development Agency

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 23, 2021

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Eric Glaze, Chairman of the Board. In attendance were Eric Glaze, Cody Gettler, City Commissioner, Reuben Feuerborn, Dwight Nelson, Les McGhee, County Commissioner, Eileen Burns, and Julie Turnipseed, Director.
- II. Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2021: A motion made by Les to approve the minutes as presented was seconded by Cody. Motion passed.
- III. Review of July 2021 Financial Statements: A motion to approved was made by Reuben and seconded by Les. Motion passed.
- IV. New Business
 - a. **Business Recruitment and Retention Activity:** Julie reported that one new business, Toddy’s Back Porch, has opened and that there were 3 other non-industrial businesses possibilities but locations for them were needed. She also reported that Purple Sunflower (behind Patriot’s Bank) went out of business and the building was sold. New owner plans to use it for storage. Discussion ensued about legislation against using first floor as storage in downtown buildings.
 - b. **SBA Community Navigator Pilot Program:** Update end of August
 - c. **USDA Housing Rehabilitation Grant:** update end of August
 - d. **Love What’s Local Investors – update:** new partners: AuBurn Pharmacy, The Kirk House, Napa Auto Parts and GSSB.
 - e. **July 2021 Director’s Report Summary:** see attached. Julie discussed highlights
- V. 2021 Strategic Plan
 - a. **Downtown Revitalization Plan**
 - i. Start community input meetings – September
 1. *Eric asked what will be done at meetings? What if there isn’t good attendance/involvement at the meetings? Julie said in her experience attendance gauges interest of the community. If we could get info*

from Community Heart & Soul (Paula Scott) about what people want for their community it would be helpful.

2. *Eric suggested we get some concept drawings/pictures of what downtown used to be and what it could be for the meetings.*

b. Workforce Development

- c. **Anderson County ACT Work Ready Community** – Career Fair July 28 -update: 6 job seekers and 10 businesses at career fair. July unemployment rate was 3.8%.

VI. Other Business

- a. *From Director's report: Discussion on senior housing availability and need, city vs. private investors, current options and rents, possible future options and rents, contract management with builder. Cody said the City Commission is going to continue to work with the housing authority to put together a plan. Housing Authority Board: Steve Spring (Chair), Betts Abraham, Ron Zimmerman, Susan Stanton, Earl Rocker (Spring & Rocker terms end in Dec. 2021)*
- b. *KS works Mobile Center Started back Will be back again Sept 22nd*
- c. *Childcare Task Force will meet Thursday at 5:30pm*

- VII. Les made a motion to adjourn seconded by Reuben. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.

- VIII. Next Meeting: Monday, September 20, 2021, 5:00pm, City Commission Meeting Room

Eileen Burns, Secretary