



Minutes
Economic Development Committee
April 1, 2015
8:00 AM
Town Hall Board Room

Committee Members Present:

Jim Holladay, R. Knick Myers, Phil Dangel, David Smoak, Naoko Blue, Bruce Williamson, Ginny McLain-Tate, Jim Nixon, David Purvis, Bob Markli

Staff Present:

Jenn Hatmaker

Other:

Mayor Ralph McGill

Bettye Sisco and Tim Williams with the Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce

Lacy Beasley and Laura Hudson with Retail Strategies

Bob Hill, Town of Farragut citizen

Call to Order

Chair Holladay called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Dangel moved to approve the March 4, 2015 minutes. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair Holladay introduced Bob Hill, citizen of the Town of Farragut. Mr. Hill spoke to the committee regarding two vacant, former grocery store locations. Mr. Hill stated that the Economic Development Committee should make its first order of business finding tenants for those vacant locations. Mr. Hill also spoke the committee about residential and business communities next to a bus stop, such as Atlantic Station in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Hill offered to speak with the Executive Director of KAT to see what it would cost to bring bus services to Farragut and what kind of services the Town could get.

Status Updates

a. Town of Farragut: Presented by Mr. Smoak

- i. 5 rezoning requests on Planning Commission agenda, including discussion only for a Town Center District rezoning request for the property behind the Village Vet and the Outdoor Classroom to the Farragut High School entrance.
- ii. Had a workshop with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on the Capital Investment Program and currently working on the budget.
- iii. Looking to let to bid the Everett Road widening project in the next month.

Mr. Myers asked if the committee took any position or made any recommendation for or against the apartment complex project that was proposed behind the Ingles shopping center. Mr. Myers stated that he believes the project is a positive thing from an economic development standpoint.

Mr. Myers made a motion that the Economic Development Committee make a recommendation to the FMPC and the BMA to support the apartment project on Smith Road due to the positive impact on economic development. Alderman Markli seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

b. Farragut / West Knox Chamber of Commerce: Presented by Ms. Sisco

- i. 5 new members in Farragut in March
- ii. 4 Networking Events and 4 Ribbon Cuttings
- iii. The Chamber Auction will be April 24, 2015. The charity will be Children's Hospital – the Chamber will be donating 20% of the proceeds from the ticket sales to Children's Hospital to help send children away to camp.
- iv. Dr. Bass will be speaking in June

c. Farragut Business Alliance: Presented by Mr. Dangel

- i. The FBA sent out a one question survey related to the apartments
- ii. Red, White and Blues Event will be on July 3rd

Any Other Business

No other business was presented

Mr. Dangel moved to adjourn. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 8 AM in the Town Hall Board Room.