

Economic Development Committee Update January 2018

1. Lee Ann Walling attended the EDC Committee Meeting on Dec 20 to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. She gave an update and the committee responded to various questions she posed.
2. Finally received output from the September Roadmap meeting with Arnett Muldrow & Associates. The EDC is meeting on January 9th to discuss the documentation and decide on next steps. The study required that the EDC spend a minimum of \$3500 towards some of the output from the meeting.
3. Ben Muldrow will be teaching a class on the use of an online project management tool presented at the Roadmap meeting. The training will be at the library and there is no cost for the training or tool usage. The EDC will then determine how the online tool can be used to track ongoing projects and also provide access to others who are interested in seeing what the team is working on.
4. Supported Christmas Parade planning. The parade was a huge success thanks to all volunteers involved. A meeting was held after the parade to document lessons learned to be used for next years parade.
5. The EDC Committee will be meeting January 11th to discuss new incentive grants and/or 'placemaking' projects for downtown (e.g. small park like areas; enhanced crosswalks, etc). We are looking at providing projects to be completed by June 30th.
6. We have begun contacting food vendors for the 2018 Fabulous Fourth Fridays.
7. We had two members resign from the committee, John Brodeur and Ralph Root. They both provided valuable input and support for the EDC and will be missed. The committee has requested that the commission approve Bob Lewis as a new member at their January meeting.
8. Sue Grenier has volunteered to help on a bike trail naming contest.

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