

Economic Development Committee Update

April 9, 2018

1. A meeting was held with Brian Swain, owner of Fancy Cutz, to review a presentation in support of EDC grants for accent lighting along Market Street and Main Street with an initial focus on tree lighting and a secondary focus for business frontage lighting. Brian also presented a suggestion for lighting the town hall complex (building and lights).

(The purpose of these grants will be to help create a visually appealing downtown)

2. Planning for the 2018 Fabulous Fourth Fridays is continuing. Jane Houtman from the committee has sent out vendor announcements and some vendors have already signed up. She is also helping out signing up food vendors. Committee member Bob Lewis is working on obtaining bands. We are also researching the potential need for insurance to cover beer sales as the new town insurance excludes that.
3. Donna Moore officially joined the committee at our March meeting.
4. The Bike Trail naming contest is progressing with a planned date of May 19th for the official presentation of the name. Collection of suggested names with voting for a winner will be done in the latter part of April to give time for creating a sign for the trail. A presentation with dignitaries and a gathering at the Library will be held at that time.
5. A representative of the EDC will be attending a meeting of the Eastern Shore Tourism, Arts and Downtown Development (TADD) group to introduce Bridgeville to the group. The EDC recently joined the TADD to help spread the word about Bridgeville and the positive things happening here.
6. Two members returned from the Main Street Conference full of enthusiasm. They both said it was a great experience which gave them ideas on how to help Bridgeville's downtown district.
7. The committee is in the process of obtaining a couple of quotes for two branded town entrance signs. The plan currently is to replace one sign this year and another next year.

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