

Economic Development Committee Update

August 13, 2018

1. Met with Jesse and Fancy Cutz's to discuss accent lighting for Town Hall. Subsequently, Fancy Cutz installed the lighting (7 bullet/wash lights plus a controller to allow for changing the light color). Fancy Cutz then did a training session for its use with Town Hall. The EDC will be discussing the expansion of the grant program for use on businesses and residents along Market and Main Streets.
2. The July Fabulous Fourth Friday was held on July 27th. The committee braved the weather and it ended up being sunny late in the day which worked out well. Attendance was a little lighter than usual probably due to the early threat of bad weather and also the Delaware State Fair. Fun was had by all and the new games in the kid's area appeared to be a draw for all ages. The band was very enjoyable and attracted a number of listeners. The committee is working on a sponsorship program for the remaining events. Band for August will be Chainbreak, a Country and Southern Rock group.
3. Currently waiting on DelDot to complete their review of the approved town entrance sign plans created by Impact Graphix and the town to make sure all their requirements are met. Once their review is complete, the signs will be installed.
4. A second draft of an ongoing façade grant program has been completed and will be reviewed at the August meeting of the EDC. The ongoing grant will be available to new and existing businesses to help with their façade improvements. Initial funding for the program will be \$10,000. Each individual grant request will have a cap of \$2,500 with a 50% match.
5. The EDC is continuing to work with the Church Mouse to setup a welcome center.
6. The EDC recognizes that more volunteers are needed to effectively continue the EDC's programs and events and will be working on a volunteer request campaign.
7. At the upcoming August meeting, the committee will be reviewing some of the additional suggestions made by the state consultant during their strategic planning sessions for Bridgeville. The goal is to see if there are some appropriate items that could be pursued by the committee.

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