

Economic Development Committee Update

August, 2019

1. The second Fabulous Fourth Friday of the year was July 26th with Charlie and the Cooltones. Vendor participation was a little less than June but still had a good representation of different vendors. Charlie's band drew quite a few people to downtown; unfortunately they were music listeners more so than buyers for vendor's goods. The committee wants to extend their thanks to Bruce for his outstanding help with June and July events.
2. A videographer working with CGI Communications was here on the day of Fabulous Fourth Friday. I spent the day with him getting some shots and interviews for the town's online video. Interviews were done with Tom Carey, Heath Chasnov and Karen Johnson. The videographer will edit his shots and sent them to CGI who will incorporate them into the script we've written and then will pass that back to us to review and modify as necessary. Still waiting to hear from them to see what the timeframe is. As a reminder, we do not have to pay for their work, CGI is funding it all.
3. Bob Lewis has begun organizing the Christmas Parade (Dec 14th this year). More details forthcoming.
4. The committee is working on plans for creating a memorial brick purchase program to encompass the new memorial parklet next to Town hall. Have started some initial discussions with contractors to determine approximate cost to build a sidewalk from the front sidewalk of Town hall to the parklet.
5. The Chamber Visitors Guide is still in limbo. The EDC had created a full page ad for inclusion but with the absence of a director at the Chamber the project appears to currently be on hold.
6. The EDC has one position open on the committee so if anyone has a suggestion for someone as a member, please let us know.

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