

Economic Development Committee Update

July, 2020

1. The deadline for ordering Memorial Bricks is July 15th. After Aliceanne posted to social media sites a number of additional brick orders have been made. We discussed at our last meeting scaling down the size of the memorial area and perhaps looking at a design where the bricks would encompass the flags that are behind the current brick parklet. This would reduce the overall cost of the project and work better with the number of bricks ordered. Aliceanne is currently working with hardscape companies to determine a cost and schedule. There have been 53 bricks and 2 benches sold.
2. A workshop meeting was held on Monday, June 29th with Bethany DeBussy to discuss the EDC's strategic goals. The work the EDC has done as well as planning to do were discussed. Also discussed was using our July EDC meeting to take the Strategy Board as developed with the State of Delaware and our consultant Muldrow & Associates to re-validate the goals and strategic plan. Preparation for that meeting has already begun.
3. The EDC has positions open on the committee and has two potential candidates. One will be voted on by the EDC committee Monday, July 13 and hopefully the commission will have the application to review at their meeting. I am also attempting to solicit a second candidate who has expressed an interest.
4. The sidewalk and signal box projects are in limbo right now waiting for the state to determine when the highway will be repaved.
5. The EDC is still looking at creating an Economic Development webpage for current and potential residents and business owners to access as a place to go to promote the town. The domain has been purchased and a design is being worked on.
6. As businesses are opening back up, the committee has also looked at continuing a Facade Grant program.

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