



The Town Of
Bridgeville
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Economic Development Committee
November 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Bridgeville Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes

- I. **Attending:** Richard Grinnell, Mike Szczechura, Suzanne Farris, Christine Correia (Zoom), Ralph Root, Sue Grenier.

Absent: None

Also Attending: Bruce Smith, Bethany DeBussy (Phone)
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes from October 10, 2022.
- III. **EDC Financials:** No changes.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. **Farm to Table:** Mike had a second meeting on November 7th at Sugar Beet with Karen from Woodbridge, Nina the chef from Heritage Shores, Beth the sales manager and Bethany the Bridgeville Town Manager. Confirming 9/16/2023 will be the Farm to Table event. They set a preliminary fundraising goal of \$20,000 to be split between the FFA, Woodbridge and the Town of Bridgeville. Discussed who was donating food. Up to 250 attendees. Ticket price set at \$75 each. Michael said there will be a lot of food and it will be local. Discussed brewers in the area. The next meeting will be February 6, 2023 at Sugar Beets. Bethany will set up a Google Doc. so everybody could check off as things get done. Michael said it will be a more casual event.
 - B. **Traffic Light Boxes:** Bethany said she did communicate with the graphic designers the updates from the previous meeting for the Woodbridge Raiders design. One of the artists left so they are trying to move forward to redesign our others. Bethany is hoping to hear something from them within the next week. The committee looked at the new design for the Historic Buildings and discussed their thoughts.
 - C. **Christmas Events:** Tree Lighting on December 4th. Parade is on December 10th. Christmas in Bridgeville on December 3rd. Richard asked Bethany if was still looking for help from folks. Bethany said they were going to try to get a video feed so people could watch it. Bethany said the quote they got was really high from a professional. Bethany

suggested we could use the equipment we use for the meetings. Suzanne added we could put it on the judges stand. Richard said he would volunteer to help and if anyone wanted to help to contact Bethany. Bethany said they needed three judges for the parade. Suzanne said she could judge this year and could help find others. Bruce asked after the tree lighting where the caroling would be. Bethany said it would be at the tree lighting. Food trucks are being brought in for the parade.

- V. New Business:** Richard brought up the discussion of Election of Officers. Richard said he has been trying to find someone to take over for quite awhile. Richard asked if Bruce would accept when he was off the Commission. Bruce said that's not till March. Next discussion was 2023 Planning. That the committee should organize and discuss what to work on for next year. Ralph asked how we as a Committee get the Commissioners involved to help establish a direction. Bethany answered Ralph's question that it can't come directly from the Commissioners, that they can't individually lead a secondary organization. The Commissioners have to be separate and the projects get funneled through the Town Manager. Bethany explained the process between the Commissioners and the EDC. Ralph suggested the Committee could act as if we were staff and help the Commissioners/Town with projects they need help with. Bethany said she would have a list for us in January.
- VI. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Correia, Transcriptionist