



# CITY OF FRANKLIN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## MINUTES

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**August 12, 2014**

#### **Members Present:**

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| Ken Austin       | President      |
| Jake Sappenfield | Vice-President |
| Josh DeArmitt    | Secretary      |
| John Ditmars     | Member         |
| H. Lee Hodgen    | Member         |

#### **Others Present:**

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| Rob H. Schafstall | Legal Counsel                     |
| Krista Linke      | Director of Community Development |
| Jaime Shilts      | Recording Secretary               |

#### **Call to Order:**

Ken Austin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Lee Hodgen made a motion to approve the July 8th, 2014 minutes as presented. Jake Sappenfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

None.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Economic Development Fee Proposals:**

##### **Discover Downtown Franklin:**

Tara Payne, Executive Director of Discover Downtown Franklin, stated that she did not request a specific amount. She stated that the amount could be used for any of their events or activities.

##### **Franklin Chamber of Commerce:**

Janice Bullman, Director of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, stated that they are going through a renovation at their building. They are requesting an amount to pay for a white board that is also interactive for their conference room. They are requesting \$7,500.

##### **Franklin Education Connection:**

No one was present from this organization.

##### **Franklin Development Corporation:**

Steve Woods, Vice President of the FDC, stated that the request will go to their administrative costs. The money would allow them to continue operating for another 6 months and would reduce their request to the City. Mayor Joe McGuinness stated that Josh DeArmitt will be taking Tony Wellings spot as Mr. Wellings has moved outside of the county.

**Franklin Heritage, Inc.:**

Rob Shilts, Executive Director of Franklin Heritage & Artcraft Theatre, stated that they are looking at a new shingle roof above the fly loft. The roof is at least 25 years old. The cost is going to be around \$24,000. A second project is a handicap ramp at 49 E. Madison Street. He stated they have been working with Atterbury Job Corp so they only need to pay for the materials, not labor. The third project is 48 E Madison Street. They are getting an office ready at that location so they could hire another employee.

Ms. Linke stated last year's amount given out was approximately \$12-\$14K. She stated that the County didn't bill last year so this year there is \$33K which includes all the fees from last year and half of this year. There will be another amount of \$10K or less later this year. She stated they will probably receive it at the end of December.

Mr. Schafstall stated that he has a professional relationship with the Franklin Development Corporation. Ms. Linke stated that she has ties with all of the groups except the Franklin Education Connection. John Ditmars stated that he is on the Franklin Development Corporation Board. Mr. Sappenfield stated that he has ties with all of them.

Mr. Sappenfield stated the Education Foundation has requested \$5,000. The rest of the money could be divided evenly between the remaining groups. Mr. Austin stated that the \$7,500 to the Chamber could be given in full. Mr. Sappenfield stated his understanding of the Education Connection is that there are 2 groups, one that helps to fund fieldtrips and projects, and a second group that runs Study Connections. The groups merged into the Education Foundation.

Mr. Woods stated the funds would go for FDC office costs, it would not be distributed as a loan or grant. Josh DeArmitt questioned which project the money for FHI would go to. Mr. Shilts stated they would have to decide which was needed first and the Executive Board and Board would decide.

Josh DeArmitt made a motion to approve \$7,500 to the Chamber, \$3,000 for the Franklin Education Connection, and \$7,500 for each of the other organizations. Lee Hodgen seconded the motion. Lee Hodgen-yes, Josh DeArmitt-yes, Ken Austin-yes. John Ditmars and Jake Sappenfield abstained.

**Other Business:**

Ms. Linke stated that Tony Wellings had been the secretary and that the position would need to be filled. Jake Sappenfield made a motion to nominate Josh DeArmitt as Secretary. Lee Hodgen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted this 9th day of September, 2014.

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Ken Austin, President

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Tony Wellings, Secretary