

**BRANDON AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013**

Call to Order - The meeting opened at 8:40 am

Present: Janet Mondlak, Alyssa Zollman, Bernie Carr, Steve Beck, Jeff and Linda Stewart, Marty Feldman

Minutes - Motion by L Stewart / Carr to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 as written. Passed

Downtown Designation Networking Meeting - Steve Beck attended the meeting last week on behalf of the DBA. He discussed some of the topics discussed at the meeting.

Toolbox - Steve said he updates the toolbox about once a month. Alyssa said it should now be promoted more. It is a promotional opportunity.

ED Promotion - Steve was asked to send PR on a regular basis to the Herald, Addison Independent, Business Journals, etc.,

There was further discussion on toolbox, uses, updates, local focus. Realtors, landlords, should have the toolbox. The information needs to be publicized on a regular basis.

New Town Manager - Linda asked the direction being given by the new town manager and Steve's interaction so far. There was further discussion.

Incubator Space meeting - Steve said there was a recent meeting and it was decided for a focus on cheese. He said there is a strong group of people who want to make cheese. The group will now focus on those people. They need to find investors and producers. They continue to move forward.

Downtown and Commercial Properties:

- Smith Block: Steve said he heard from Chris Carpenter that Kevin Elnicki is moving the Smith Block to the to the "front burner." He has heard that Elnicki's state tax credits were recaptured (\$225,000) because of non-use. He may re-apply.
- Rite Aid parking - nicely done, new gravel parking lot. Will it be paved? Lit?
- Scheck's - no news
- Bookstore (former WK storefront)- opening in November
- Discount Grocers - opening Oct 1.
- Blue Seal - moving right before Thanksgiving.
- Mobil gas station expansion - no news. It was suggested that the owners be contacted for a sit down meeting to talk about what form-based code zoning would look.
- Compass Music - space available; music and arts or other professional space.

Steve prepared a list of commercial spaces available. It was suggested that it be a living document online and that it be divided by sale or lease, and that contact information be added.

Designated Downtown - Jeff asked how we change our borders of our DD to get further into sidewalks, need to tap into their grants. Steve will look into it.

Adjourn at 9:55 am.

Next meeting: Nov. 21 at 8:30 am at SAD.