

**CLOVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

**CLOVER COMMUNITY CENTER, 120 BETHEL STREET**

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM. The following members were present:

Karla Knotts	Nathan Sherman	Nick Sloan
Jay Young	Bobby Meek	Allison Harvey
Jill Mikels	Wes Spurrier	
George Vance	Mack McCarter	
- II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from January 16, 2013; March 20, 2013; and September 18, 2013, were approved.
- III. Local Development Update. Mrs. Harvey reported that Bi-Lo recently purchased and then re-opened the Piggly Wiggly store on Main Street and that a new Italian restaurant, Pop Pop's, opened on North Main. Mr. Vance noted that Honeywell would be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- IV. Western York County Economic Development Alliance. Mrs. Harvey distributed the draft 2014 goals and stated that the Board would be asked to approve at the next meeting in January. Mr. McCarter noted that he'd recently discussed how much more information is provided on the Gaston County website than on the York County site. Mr. Meek and Mrs. Knotts commented that the Charlotte Commercial Board of Realtors site was also a good source of information and that a link on there to York County's site should be included. Mr. Meek also expressed concern that identifying sites to be "rezoned" may result in upsetting citizens and used the county's 2025 plan as an example. The board discussed adding "mixed use" to the identification process and noted that publicizing the comprehensive results on a user-friendly website would be desired.
- V. York County Economic Development Board Update. Mrs. Harvey noted the next meeting for that board would be on November 26.
- VI. Apprenticeship 2000. Martha Jean Starnes, Work-Based Learning Coordinator at Clover High School, presented to the Board the new program which incorporates a European style apprentice model and is open to 20 select students. The program includes paid part-time internship, post-high school education, and a guaranteed starting salary of \$34,000. This will be the first year Clover has been allowed to participate. There will be an information session on December 11 for local companies to hear more about this program.
- VII. 2013 Business Survey. The Board reviewed the 30 responses from the survey. A subcommittee including Mr. Spurrier, Mrs. Knotts and Mr. Sloan will meet to discuss action items.
- VIII. Pennies for Progress Update. Mrs. Harvey reported that the town's request of a back entrance to Westgate from Barrett Road has been rejected. Mrs. Harvey will invite Phil Leazer to the next meeting for an update.
- IX. Other Business.
  - A. Members discussed the two board vacancies (Small Business & Chamber of Commerce). The Chamber is expected to recommend Nina Feemster. Mrs. Harvey will ask Andrea Meglii, co-owner of Siopa on Main to serve.
- X. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

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Donnie Grice, Chairman