

CLOVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2017

CLOVER COMMUNITY CENTER, 120 BETHEL STREET

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:02PM. The following members were in attendance, a quorum was present:

Donnie Grice
Don Hartsoe
Craig Clickner
Bryan Killian

Jay Young
Jill Mikels
Michael Schonfeld
Bo Redmond

Nathan Sherman
Andrea Meglii

- II. Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Don Hartsoe, seconded by Nathan Sherman and after no discussion was approved by the Board to approve the minutes for November 16, 2016.
- III. Local Development Update. McDonald's is currently being rebuilt. The McDonald's Corporation has a ten year cycle. In the first ten-year cycle, the building must be renovated, with the next ten-year cycle having the building torn down and rebuilt. The proposed apartment complex for downtown Clover has submitted plans for approval. They will elevate the property to accommodate the sewer system, however it will still be a problem for the developer. The complex is a Federally funded project for low to mid income families. The Federal government will inspect the property for the next 20 years. The house currently located on the property will be moved to Parkwood Drive. It will face Parkwood and cannot face Jackson.
- IV. Western York County Economic Development Alliance. Meeting was held on January 10, 2017 at the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce. Jim Bradford was not available for an update. There were several new representatives at the meeting for the City of York. Updates were made to the Alliance guidelines to allow an alternate attendee for the Chambers of Commerce. The next meeting will be held on April 4th and representatives from the York County Economic Development Board will be invited to attend to update and provide guidance to the Alliance.
- V. York County Economic Development Board Update. No update given.
- VI. Discussion on Goals & Objectives. The Board has chosen to make Workforce Development their number one priority for 2017. We will explore the possibility of getting York Tech to provide an extension in Clover, possibly having a local job listing in the Town of Clover's monthly newsletter, and the possibility of getting an unemployment office in Clover. Further discussion will be held on opportunities with Clover High School and the Apprenticeship program. When promoting the area to prospective industries, we need to point out the positives of the area; the access to Town's infrastructure, equal distance to 77 & 85, and possibly creating a PR package. There are currently two interested prospects with Westgate Industrial Park with a possible third.
- VII. Discussion on Façade Grant programs. There has been little interest in the Façade Grant programs that we currently offer. We currently advertise the event, mail letters to code offenders as well as those who would benefit from the programs, visit with and hand deliver applications to potential applicants. Possible changes to the program could be to remove the 50/50 match and provide a \$2,000 gift of the money. Applicants would provide estimates for the work to be completed. Once approved, the property owner would have the work completed and submit the bill to the Town for payment. Staff would inspect the work and give approval for payment. Anything above the \$2,000 would be the business owners portion. Board members were asked to tour the Town and give their concerns for items that needed attention prior to the next Board meeting. A special meeting of the Board may need to be called to discuss these items as well as the Façade Grant.
- VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.

Donnie Grice, Chairman