

Anderson Township Economic Development Committee- MEETING SUMMARY

January 25, 2022 at 3 p.m. at the Anderson Center and virtual via audio on WebEx

Members Present in Person:

Amy Richardson (Chair), Julie Bissinger, Amy Broghamer, John Deeds, Michael Doenges, Duane Donohoo, John Halpin, Nicole Hunter, Derek Garrison, Elizabeth Maier, Dan O'Rourke, Matt Owen, Zach Peterson, Jeff Rosa

Others Present in Person:

Sarah Donovan (Anderson Township Staff), Steve Sievers (Anderson Township Staff), Josh Gerth (Anderson Township Trustee)

Members Present via Audio:

Katie Buchmann, Jeff Cowan, Phil Kiley, David Rose, Jessica Weisenberger

Members Absent:

Jake Fraiture, Chris Corrado, Stephen Feagins, Scot Prebles, Marcus Thompson

Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m., and welcomed members to the first meeting of the year. She stated it was great to see everyone, and thanked those meeting virtually as well, and asked each member to introduce themselves.

Review of November 16, 2021 Minutes

Ms. Richardson stated the minutes from the last meeting, on November 16, 2021, were in the packet. She asked for any corrections, additions, and questions. Mr. Halpin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Rosa and there was unanimous approval.

Announcements – Township News, Business Updates, etc.

Ms. Donovan reviewed the business update and noted that there are couple of projects that have been moved to the completed category since our November meeting, including KFC and Cabo Taco. She also noted that Vantage Apartments, as well as Condado are well under construction and are moving along.

Ms. Richardson asked if Hummingbird Court is a new development. Ms. Donovan noted that Hummingbird Court is the new name for the Dacey's Landing Subdivision on Eight Mile Road.

Mr. Rosa asked if there has been any update for the Nagel Road Subdivision. Ms. Donovan stated that they are still under subdivision review at the County.

Mr. Sievers provided an update for the Vantage Apartment building at the former Park and Ride site and stated that they are looking for completion of the garage at the end of 2023, and both apartment buildings by early 2025

Review of Previous Committee Initiatives

Mr. Sievers noted that in the packet there is a detailed overview of what the committee has worked on since its founding. It looks at not only the committee interest, but provides resolutions for specific topics that EDC has looked at including City v. Townships, Pool & Indoor Recreation, Workforce Development and Homearama, among many others.

Mr. Sievers said that looking towards 2022, staff has an idea of where EDC will be able to plug into, including the Kellogg Gateway Study implementation, as well as Key Sites, but that we wanted to know what the committee wanted to look at.

Ms. Donovan provided an explanation of the Key Sites subcommittee and noted that they will be coming together virtually on February 9th at 3pm to discuss a zone change for the Wolfangel Road subdivision and potentially to provide comments to the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Sievers referred to the Key Sites Map and spreadsheet which was passed around the room and will be emailed to the committee. He noted that this was created in 2016 and that it might be time with the completion of our Comprehensive Plan Update to take another look at it.

Ms. Richardson asked if we wanted to take another look at Workforce Development. Mr. Sievers noted that Forest Hills School District is picking their program back up and it might be interesting to wait to see what they do and where we could collaborate.

Ms. Bissinger noted the pool discussion from last year and asked if we should resume that discussion. Ms. Maier added that she is paused on the pool at this point. She noted the work that the EDC has done, but she is letting the new school board transition before starting that conversation with them.

Kellogg Gateway Initiative/General Discussion

Mr. Sievers noted the progress on the Kellogg Gateway Study, which has been adopted by the Township, and added that the Board approved additional funding for a four-part scope which will include a traffic study and streetscaping. He noted that the streetscaping elements are a potential way to incorporate the Anderson Township Public Art Master Plan into this area as well. Mr. Sievers stated that they are excited for this work to take place and working with our business partners in this area. He stated that the traffic study will take place in the summer in order to catch the summer concert crowd.

Mr. Gerth added that the Kellogg Gateway Study has been a great partnership between the Township, the City of Cincinnati, the California Neighborhood, and businesses in the area. He noted that we still have a need for a hotel in the area and working on the streetscape and connectivity can help make the area more attractive.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Donovan stated that while we just discussed the Key Sites subcommittee, that there was a Zoning Commission hearing last night. She noted that the original agenda had two cases on it, however, the PUD application on Ayers Road was continued via request of the applicant. She added that Case 1-2022 LUP for the Comprehensive Plan Update was heard and recommended approval with a couple of suggestions for modification by the Zoning Commission. Ms. Donovan stated that the next step will be for the Case to be heard by the Anderson Township Board of Trustees at their February 17th meeting.

General Discussion

Ms. Broghammer passed around real estate statistics that she had put together using the MLS numbers. She noted a huge increase in sale price around Anderson Township and the speed in which housing are selling.

There was a discussion among the committee about the prices of homes in the Tri-state area and how we still have housing products under construction and coming into the market.

Announcement of Next Meeting – March 22, 2022

Mr. Sievers noted the Committee Member Commitment sheet in the packet and stated that each member should take the time to understand the commitment that is being made when they volunteered. He also reminded new committee members to submit their Ethics Forms if they had not done so. Mr. Sievers stated the next Committee meeting will be March 22, 2022 at 3pm at the Anderson Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.