

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 26, 2021

The committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Dean and Chairman Kelly Lay with committee members Kyle Merkle and Justin Morfey present. Also present were Ex-Officio members Rick Kline & Jennifer Steigerwald, staff members Dave Jenkins, and Anita Corso.

The committee met to discuss the property maintenance code of Article 10-7. Different ways to inform business owners of the rules were discussed. The consensus of the committee agreed that new business owners and / or those obtaining a building permit be given a copy of the ordinance. Mayor Dean expressed his objection to any amendments that were less strict than those already in effect. Those in attendance agreed that strict compliance and enforcement of the existing code were essential.

The façade grant rules were discussed including possibly updating the application to include expectations of a business being open for a certain length of time or the money will have to be returned to the City.

Pop-Up shops were discussed including possible buildings where owners might be approached to be open to renting vacant store fronts to pop-ups. Kelly mentioned ghost kitchens work in a similar fashion and could be an option too. Consensus of the committee was for Dave to contact legal for input on a proposal in presenting to owners of currently vacant storefronts.

Dave explained the different options available to market the farm ground and other properties.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Justin to adjourn the committee meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Anita Corso Deputy Clerk