



Sheridan Economic Development Commission Sheridan Economic Development Advisory Council (Ad Hoc)

Date: Mon., July 23, 2012 - 7 p.m.

Place: Sheridan Town Hall, 506 Main Street

Commissioners: all present

--Craig Wallace

--Don Chesney

--Joe Bilby

1) Call To Order - Craig Wallace, President

2) Comprehensive Master Plan - Status

--Brenda Bush announced that the entire grant match for the OCRA grant for the Sheridan Comprehensive Master Plan has been raised. \$5000 from Dick Stephenson and \$2500 from Bill and Ann Stone; this will accommodate the \$5500 grant match, advertising, grantwriting fee. The Town has already spent \$342.68 on RFQ advertising.

--RFQ, Process is underway with deadline for submissions on July 25 @ 1 p.m.; to be followed by Aug. 1 meeting of Steering Committee to score qualifications and select 3 or 4 finalists to interview...to be lead by Tina Henderson who will bring score sheets. Steering Committee will interview firms on Aug. 15 and then make recommendation to Town for hiring on Aug. 23. The Town will have a public hearing for the Comprehensive Master Plan before submitting application and the grant application will be submitted on Aug. 31--Indiana Office of Rural Affairs. Award Announcement will be made in October.

3) Budget - 2013 - Discussion

--Economic Development Commission unanimously approved to submit a 2013 budget to the Town: \$3,300 and ask Town to continue to pay Hamilton County Alliance (HCA) membership, est. \$1700. A budget is to be submitted to Clerk-Treasurer Liz Walden via email tonight.

4) Ball State University "Building Better Communities" - Visioning Plan : Sharon Canaday, project director

--Donations: Rocky Shanehsaz, Hamilton Co. Convention Center - \$200; Sheridan Chamber of Commerce - \$150; Sheridan Rotary Club - \$100; AT&T: verbal \$150; \$250 consideration by JBS United. This provides BSU with the \$750 match and \$100 for meeting expenses. SUBWAY will donate cookies for the first Core Committee meeting set Aug. 3, 1:30 pm, Sheridan Public Library.

5) Hamilton County Alliance - Update -

--Work is underway to re-vision the county's economic development initiative to prepare for new demands and provide for larger city needs as well as smaller communities without staff. Sheridan Schools participates with HCA in some programming.

--BMW Golf -Craig Wallace and Brenda Bush will attend breakfast meeting on Sept. 6 featuring Dan Hasler, IEDC, and attended by guests who are site selectors for prospects.

--Craig Wallace and Brenda Bush announced their meeting with Commissioner Steve Dillinger had been a productive discussion in terms of county support for economic development ventures. Brenda added that there may be more support for some initiatives that engage more work for the northern tier of the county and give it a vision for new success.

6) TABLED: Sheridan Business Learning Center

--Chair: Steve Martin; Secy: Patty Nicholas

--Program Update

8) Next Meeting: Mon., Oct. 29, 2013

9) Adjourn - Motion by Joe Bilby, seconded by Don Chesney

Attending:

--Brenda Bush

--Craig Wallace

--Ron Stone

--Betty Lee Cooper

--Linda Sutton

--Connie Pearson

--Parvin Gillim

--John Patrick

--Dr. Derek Arrowood

Interfacing: Randy Parsons & Tom Cain