

2021-09-21 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINUTES

The Economic Development Committee met at Dick's Tap at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. The Committee would like to patronize all Ladd Businesses and decided to rotate meeting locations to Ladd businesses in an effort to get ideas from owners and employees also.

Members Present: Rhonda Bezely, Dave Margherio, Brad Nicholson, Gregg Ripka

Absent: Bill Gaefcke, Dan Nelson, Amber Zrust

Margherio Motion/Nicholson Second to accept the August 12, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: Bezely, Margherio, Nicholson, Ripka- Motion carried 4-0

Discuss ensued updating all members present on happenings since the August 12th meeting. Margherio asked the committee if they wanted to proceed with the Fall Open House of all vacant buildings in Ladd. Consensus was yes, lets move forward in an effort to put interested buyers in touch with building owners. Margherio will reach out to Realtors from Ladd to get this accomplished. Nicholson updated the group on the plethora of emails he has sent out. He had 3 responses back with interest in the open house. He also reached out to RV/Camper Sales and Modular Home companies with no response back. Bezely updated the committee on many calls and emails she has generated. No commitment was obtained yet. Bezely also told the committee all the calls she has made in the past and local companies she has reached out to so everyone would be aware. Ripka stated he spoke with a Ladd business and they want to be part of the open house. There is interest in two of Ladd's businesses (1) empty and (1) open. We will see how this progresses.

It was decided to invite Todd Schollinger to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 to discuss the future of his building(s). We will reach out to the Ladd Realtor(s) heading up the open house to see if they want to be involved in our next committee meeting.

Neil Petzel joined the meeting and had many ideas for the committee. He was welcomed to join in anytime. The committee is open to ideas and anyone wanting to invest in the Village of Ladd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Rhonda Bezely, Village Clerk