

D. TREASURY'S REPORT

Ms. Shanna Carrico stated that the EDA bank account amount is, \$52,250, with \$5,000 belonging to Mrs. Tonya Triplett's façade grant.

Ms. Shanna Carrico explained the funding through the Cares Act for local restaurants; to support the Meals on Wheels Program, funds would be distributed through the EDA and refunded back from the Town of Abingdon. This process will allow the restaurants to receive funding at a faster rate.

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Nathan Berg presented the Economic Development Director report, for Mrs. Tonya Triplett.

Mrs. Tonya Triplett is the adversary for the local Cares Act; this program will benefit local restaurants as they prepare meals for Meals on Wheels. Faith in Action is responsible for delivering meals. Funding for this could reach \$100,000. This program does not sponsor Corporation Company, only local restaurants.

F. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Kenny Shuman expressed that the new Comp Plan is a vast improvement over the previous plan.

Mr. Nathan Berg stated that he viewed the new Transportation Plan as a good one. Mr. Berg told the members that a copy of the new Comprehensive Plan is on the Town of Abingdon website for the public to view.

G. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Nathan Berg informed the members of four application for façade improvements, two to be paid out of Mrs. Tonya Triplett's budget and two be paid from the EDA funds earmarked for façade improvements.

Mrs. Tonya Triplett's
Façade Funding

EDA Facade Funding

1. Body by Lee
2. Sparkles Car Wash

1. The Girl and the Raven
2. Wolf Hills Coffee

Mr. Charlie Fugate asked why are the businesses asking for funding after the project have been completed, Mr. Berg responded saying that the EDA must have proof along with receipts for the labor and materials before they fund an applicant.

Mr. Kenny Shuman asks that the record show that he did not think that Sparkles Car Wash was eligible for the façade grant funds due to requirements of the grant.

A motion made by Mr. Kenny Shuman seconded by Mr. Robert Trevorrow to approve the application as submitted by Tonya Triplett for the façade grant process for The Girl and the Raven & Wolf Hills Coffee.

Mr. Charlie Fugate	Aye
Mr. Robert Trevorrow	Aye
Ms. Shanna Carrico	Aye
Mr. Kenny Shuman	Aye
Mr. Nathan Berg	Aye

EDA board unanimously approved the façade grant application as presented by Tonya Triplett.

H. SPONSORING POCKET NEIGHBORHOODS ZONING ORDINANCE

Mr. Nathan Berg advocated a need for Pocket Neighborhoods in the Town of Abingdon. The Town has an advertisement out for an RFP for Zoning and Subdivision Code Updates. This change to the Town ordinance will be administered much like the new Comp Plan, forming an advisory committee, public hearings, and accepting public comments. The Pocket Neighborhoods would be similar to a PUD, Planned Unit Development, with shared common areas, shared parking, in addition to an HOA, The Home Owners Association would care for the property maintenance. The single-family homes will be 800 to 1000 square feet.

Mr. Kenny Shuman said that this type of community living would keep the integrity of Abingdon as having a small-town feel. These homes would be one level single-family homes.

Mr. Berg stated that he thinks the EDA should promote the Pocket Neighborhoods as the Town ordinances are rewritten.

I. JLARC, JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Mr. Kenny Shuman explained that the JLARC committee oversees, and evaluates Economic Developments in communities. Mr. Kenny Shuman told the board to Google, JLARC, and read the first 12 pages of the report on development incentives and how these benefit communities.

J. DISCUSSION ON EDA MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Mr. Nathan Berg brought up the attendance policy as depicted in the EDA Bylaws. Some members have attendance issues and the policy needs to be reviewed.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

L. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Berg reiterated the need to approve façade grant applications via email in between scheduled EDA meetings; this would give the applicants a faster approval. This approval will be contingent upon the proof of a completed project in the form of paid receipts by the recipient.

2. Mr. Robert Trevorrow brought up the need to generate Tourism for the Town by offering added incentives for visitors to the new Hard Rock Casino in Bristol, Virginia, such as transportation in the form of shuttles, hotel packages, etc.

Mr. Kenny Shuman suggested that they present their recommendations to the Town Council before launching these to the public. The building and operating of the Hard Rock Casino will generate a need for affordable housing, transportation to and from the Hard Rock Casino. Abingdon could capitalize on some much needed Tourism.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next EDA meeting will be January 14, 2021, in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building.

2. The EDA board volunteered Mrs. Tonya Triplett as the spokesperson to present the Town Council with recommendations on how to promote Tourism in Abingdon with the new Casino based in Bristol Virginia.

O. ADJOURNMENT

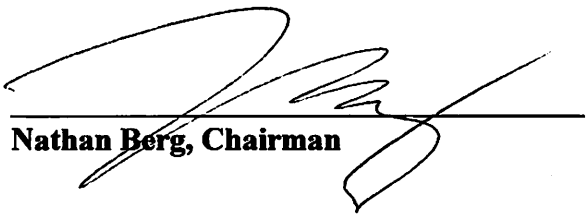
A motion made by Mr. Nathan Berg, seconded by Mr. Robert Trevorrow to adjourn the meeting.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

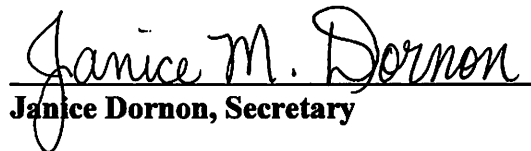
The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Charlie Fugate	Aye
Mr. Robert Trevorrow	Aye
Ms. Shanna Carrico	Aye
Mr. Kenny Shuman	Aye
Mr. Nathan Berg	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.



Nathan Berg, Chairman



Janice Dornon, Secretary