

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)
TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY
Minutes of 06/24/2009 Meeting

Attendees:

Gene Lichtman
Andrew Williamson - Chairman
Dalia Schulman
Wendi Peters - Council Liaison
Bill McCullough

Absent:

Michael VanSant
Bruce Lee

Also attending were Tonya Lee, reporter for Mt. Airy Messenger, Kelly Ziad, Main Street Manager/Town Planner, and Dave Blaze, Town citizen.

1. The meeting was called to order by Andrew Williamson at 7:10 p.m. in Mt. Airy Town Hall. First order of business was for the EDC to tour BioStat Solutions, Inc., a downtown business to view their new spaces and receive a briefing on their business and how the business operates in Mount Airy.
2. After review of minutes for the 27 May 2009 EDC meeting, the minutes were approved as written.
3. The EDC Work Plan was reviewed and minor changes were recommended to the plan. The changes included:
 - deleting the word “will” and adding an “s” to the word support in the vision
 - under goals and objectives I.A.3 replaced word “replacement” with “redevelopment”
 - under goals and objectives I.B.1 replaced the word “threats” with “challenges”
 - under goals and objectives III.A.2 replaced the word “rebuild” with “redevelopment”, and
 - under goals and objectives IV.A.4 replaced the words “control discussion” with “standards”

The suggested changes were accepted and the EDC approved the EDC Work Plan for presentation to the Town Council by Andrew Williamson.

4. Kelly Ziad informed the EDC that Mount Airy just learned that on the following Sunday, Mount Airy’s Building 114 located on S. Main St. would be designated by the State of Maryland as one of several “Smart Sites.” Kudos was given to Robert Scranton, developer, for the work on restoring the building. Wendi Peters provided the EDC with a

list of new businesses in Mount Airy which will become a permanent feature to encourage new businesses in Mount Airy.

5. The impact of the Pathway plan for Carroll County was discussed with the hope being expressed that the EDC Work Plan can help in providing a big picture view for long term development within Mount Airy and assist in either arguing or supporting Pathway planning.

6. The next meeting for the EDC will be held on 26 August 2009. A meeting scheduled for July has been cancelled to allow member participation in the Mount Airy carnival.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved 26 August 2009