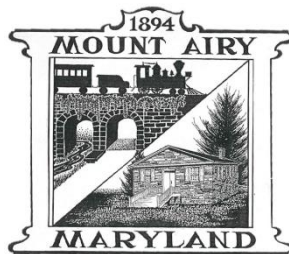


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February 26, 2020
Economic Development Commission Minutes

In attendance:

Donnamarie Needle, Pamela Reed, Gina Campanile. Mike VanSant, Jimmy Linton, Shaun Gratton, Dan McNeill, Josiah Timmerman

Absent:

Elmer Bailey, Ray Miller

1. David Warrington was our guest speaker and reviewed what the Town has been doing about Code Enforcement for both blight and sign issues and Urban Renewal Authority.

Code Enforcement for Blight and Signs:

- Mission is to be "kinder and gentler".
- Motto is "Solutions not Citations"
- Online Reporting System
- Everyone working together
- New Sign ordinance has assisted in creating better relations with our building owners. Examples presented
- Sending "Thank You's" going along way to build relationships with our business community

Urban Authority:

- Our current blight code only addresses residential
- Urban Renewal Authority would be another tool for the Town to manage it's blight and empty buildings
- Town Administrator and Mayor will be providing testimony in Annapolis March 10th

Council Report:

Councilwoman Reed reported on the following:

- BGE Gas - BGE Planning and Service Committee asking Town to testify at hearing on March 4th at 10am in Annapolis. The Mayor, Councilwoman Reed and Councilman Munder will testify on behalf of the Town
- MXD- Will be tweaked again in March by Planning and then sent to Town Council for April Agenda. There will need to be a public hearing and most likely a vote by June or July
- When MXD is adopted, it will be for the entire Town, and then each property owner will need to apply to get the zoning

Community Updates:

Reported on buy Gina Campanile

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- Facade Grant Committee has had 4 applicant's
- Potential of 14K grant or 7k split still available with remaining funds
- Railyard is using the MHAA Grant for their roof and should hear response by July 9th
- Resourceful Entrepreneur series to start in March at M&T Bank on Tuesdays from 8:30-10am
- Restaurant Week Ari 20-26th
- Second Friday's - Committee formed to get more organization and leadership. EDC and MAMSA supported. Will include an Author's series

Partner Updates:

MAMSA- Signs, second Friday and Farmer's Market information. **(ALICE IF YOU COULD UPDATE HERE)**
 Chamber- Nothing to report **(Ray Miller not in attendance)**

Old Business:

- **Building a Better Future Small Business Grant-** The Grant committee is working on a first draft; they hope to have that to the Commission at the March meeting or at the latest the April meeting
- **Envision Mount Airy Tour** has been set for June 11 and the Committee is meeting and working on this event. The next meeting is March 10th
- **Community Map-** no update at this time

New Business:

- **Revising the mission statement** and EDC work plan; Donnamarie to reach out to Melissa to start this process
- **Business Survey:** Discussed representative groups or "ambassadors" to represent "each industry" who would be responsible for retrieving info and reporting back to a "committee" or "group." In infant stages. Donnamarie will reach out to Wendy Rimby re: ideas and process for residential survey for initial thoughts.
- **Welcome Wagon-** not covered, save for next time