

Cornwall Economic Development Commission

EDC Meeting

Minutes 5/8/18

AGENDA

Janet Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:03am. In attendance- Janet, Jacque, Simon, Bianka, Kate, Todd, Pricilla, Richard B, Richard S, and Gordon. Guest, Bart Jones.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Janet wrote a letter to Republican American about the EDC's success so far. Requests to read, welcome.

Welcome Barton Jones of the CCT. New office is opening on June 3rd. There will also be an environment, river, nature themed art gallery and Visitor's Center on weekends. They are hosting a hike on the 3rd and reception. Bianka will provide Bart with a stand to house the updated Visit Cornwall brochure, the Main Street magazine Cornwall issue and information about hikes, etc. An exciting addition to the Railroad square area.

Reports

Gordon - P&Z moves forward. C. Tatge has approached committee about a 6 unit Bead and Breakfast but right now only three are allowed. Will be discussed. Gordon attended a meeting with officials from Warren, Kent and Cornwall about collaboration and promotion of this area. There is still an issue with low inventory for businesses wanting to move here. Revised Agricultural regulations are going through appropriate process. There is much interest in breweries, events like weddings and their ancillary

businesses such as catering. Farm stays are attractive. We should capitalize on the buzz from surrounding town's success with such projects (South Farms, Troutbeck, Lion Head). Jacque will write a letter in support of looking into allowing larger estates to possibly become such a venue.

Todd - big septic meeting tonight with regulators coming to answer questions. Will be held at Hughes Library. They will respond to most asked ?s related to the technology and environmental impacts. The full town would likely have to implement to keep cost effective. The town's concerns about the current siting are also a major consideration. Perhaps the town could underwrite existing public restrooms?

Bianka explained there is no functioning CBA and recommends a mixer or meetup of some sort with businesses to hear what EDC can do and how to come together as a group for town wide promotion. A nature themed event (stroll) will take place on June 9th, corresponding with Books and Blooms. CCT will open its doors and various businesses near bridge will host sales and themed art exhibits. Joe Brien will craft with kids at the Wish House original Farm Market.

Janet is meeting with Evan of Civic Lift to hear if Cornwall might volunteer to be an example town. It could be an efficient way to cross promote regionally. Jacque has submitted ideas for updating Explore Cornwall sections and the two are planning a Consider Cornwall campaign, with emphasis on A+ CCS.

Priscilla - Nothing much to report in the housing. Gordon agreed and added not a lot of buildable land for sale. Town should possibly consider raising money for a land bank or buy a house to beef up rental opportunities. Septic is an issue for many older properties.

Kate - hasn't heard much from the call for businesses to be added to the directory. Entries are due by May 31. She also suggested an event for next summer. Art dogs on display. They get

raffled off in October.

Dick S - the kiosk at Country Market and Visitor' s brochure will be available soon for distribution. It updates our attractions and businesses in a handy guide.

Unfinished Business

- Publicize benefits of town through Consider Cornwall campaign, tie in with updated website and social media calendar (two events to publicize each month. June - Stroll and Books + Blooms)
- fundraising letter Janet & Todd

Next meeting, 6/12 at Pearly' s

Adjourned, 9:58 am