

CITY OF UNION
Economic Development Committee
November 16, 2016

Members in attendance:

Matt Dowling, City Administrator
Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner
Larry Solomon, Mayor
Brent Gross
Kevin Wall, BCPC
Matt Apke
Karen Franxman
Stephen Harper
Melissa Hinkle, Communications Coordinator

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Commissioner Jeremy Ramage.

Norton Commons Trip: Commissioner Ramage reported the trip to Norton Commons was very productive, and all who attended felt it was very informative and worthwhile. Administrator Dowling has followed up with the developer, and the developer is interested in coming to Union to see the sites and discuss the project further. Dowling has sent correspondence to them to try to set meetings between Thanksgiving and Christmas with the developer and members of the EDC.

Mount Zion Road Update: Dowling updated that a local firm, Harper, has been named low bidder, and that Bluegrass Paving, who is working on the Hicks Pike/US42 project will be the paver for the project. The project will cost an estimated 26 million. The city is planning to provide monthly updates on the website and social media starting in January of 2017.

Kroger Construction Update: Ramage updated that he will participate in a walk-through of the building next week, with Shelby from Kroger. The construction is still behind schedule, but the crews have made good progress with the good weather in the fall. He will schedule a meeting with Kroger representatives to get an update on the out lots for the building and where development/rental is on those spaces.

Storypointe Update: Ramage and Dowling updated on a contact from Storypointe Corporation in to potential sites for an assisted/independent senior living facility. They reported that this company has a history of blending its facilities well into the community. Storypointe has also inquired with the Boone County Planning Commission as well regarding constructing a facility in Union or nearby Boone County. Dowling will continue to follow up on behalf of the city.

Other City Projects: Ramage brought forth constituent concerns about park development, but with the new road construction, it may be prudent to wait to see what develops, and look at alternative projects or smaller scale projects once the road is complete. Also discussed were other potential and in progress developments in the Union area, including Boone Springs and St. Timothy's.

The Meeting was formally adjourned at 6:55 by Commissioner Ramage