

**CITY OF UNION**  
**Economic Development Committee**  
**September 19, 2018**

**Members in attendance:**

**Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner**

**Steve Harper**

**Melissa Hinkle, Communications and Operations Director**

**Also in attendance:**

**David Clegg-Allie's Walkabout**

**Tania Burmeister-KW Realty**

**Melissa Pryor, First National Bank of KY**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jeremy Ramage.

**Public Comment:** Mr. David Clegg and Ms. Tania Burmeister presented information on the Allie's Walkabout dog day care business. Allie's has a very successful location in Erlanger, and they are looking to open a new location in Union. Allie's Walkabout started when Clegg's daughter, Allie, started a dog walking/pet sitting business at age 9. They will gross more than \$1 million in 2018, and Allie still runs the business at age 19. The business operates in a 12,000 square foot facility, and operates with a no-barking and no-odor policy. They are looking to acquire 1.5-2 acres in the Union area to build a 10,000 square foot facility. There is a 5 acre requirement in Boone County for "kennel" type facilities, and they are interested in seeing if the city might work with a text-amendment process to allow operation on a smaller footprint. They are also interested in opening a Wags Park facility in Union, similar to one in operation in Newtown, Ohio, or opening a combined facility in the area. Union is a key demographic, with 2.4 dogs per home in the area and the income levels to support a daily dog day care business.

Ms. Melissa Pryor came forward from First National Bank of Kentucky to discuss opening a branch in the Union area. The bank has been in Kentucky for more than 100 years and focuses primarily on agricultural banking. They look to be partners in the community, and would like to locate to the south end of Union on US42. They have been in preliminary discussions for land acquisition for a facility, and have looked at property on Frogtown and US42. They would like to open a new facility within the next two years, and would be utilizing the same plan and layout as their new facility in Oldham County, allowing for quick construction time.

**Kroger Outlot Updates:** Commissioner Ramage updated that the construction on StoryPoint is about two months behind schedule, and that the Panera is moving quickly and may be open around Thanksgiving. He also noted that the Union Pool has closed,

and the city is in discussions with Boone County as to best uses of that property moving forward.

Wednesday, October 17 at 6 p.m. was set for the next meeting date.

The Meeting was formally adjourned at 6:39 pm by Commissioner Ramage