

**CITY OF UNION**  
**Economic Development Committee**  
**February 20, 2019**

**Members in attendance:**

**Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner**

**Steve Harper**

**Denny Mathis**

**David Plummer, City Administrator**

**Melissa Hinkle, Communications and Operations Director**

**David Whitehouse, Boone County Parks Department**

**John Cole**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Commissioner Jeremy Ramage.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Ramage and Administrator Plummer introduced Mr. John Cole as a potential new member of the committee. Mr. Cole has a background in the technology field, and is a resident and member of the Hampshire HOA board.

**Kroger Outlot Updates:** Administrator Plummer updated the group on progress on the Kroger Outlot areas. Central Bank is complete and anticipated to open in the next month, while progress is moving forward on the other remaining out lot buildings. Two businesses have applied for their liquor licenses, and inquiries have been made by a third property into the ABC process.

Plummer also updated that the Kroger Pickup Location is now open in the old Kroger building. This business currently serves the 21 Northern Kentucky Walgreen locations that have Kroger grocery pickup, but there are plans in the future to expand or provide other services to the community as the business grows and expands. This location will employ around 20 employees at open, and may add additional jobs as growth allows.

**Gresham, Smith and Partners Phase Two Recommendation:** Commissioner Ramage reviewed the recommendations from GSP for Phase two of the Town Center project. Phase Two includes a visioneering component, where GSP will meet and inquire about the vision of the town center, and develop a common visioneering direction for the city. Phase two will also include an evaluation of each property plat, to analyze strengths, weaknesses and best uses for each plat to help better understand the next steps forward in the town center development. Key individuals to include in this discussion were recommended by the EDC group as potential interview subjects for GSP.

**David Whitehouse-Boone County Parks Review:** David Whitehouse of Boone County Parks gave an update on the Union Pool area development, and of the future plans for

Boone County Parks. The Parks is operating under a 2005 master plan, and that master plan is scheduled to be updated next year. The Fiscal Court has accepted a bid for the demolition of the Union Pool, and Whitehouse is hopeful that the pool area can be utilized for Movies in the park as early as this summer, if the weather and restoration projects proceed at the site as planned. Whitehouse also reviewed other Boone County Parks plans throughout the area, including several renovation projects to existing parks outside of the City Limits. He also updated on a large Disc Golf championship meet to be held this summer at Idlewild Park that is expected to bring more than 5,000 visitors to Boone County for the event.

Wednesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. was set for the next meeting date.

The Meeting was formally adjourned at 7:15 pm by Commissioner Ramage