

Union County Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2022 at Noon

Board Members Present:

Diana Bourne
Tim Woodruff
Noah Studebaker
Brian Bias
Brenda Paxton
Steven DeLorenzo
Julie Coffman

Employees Present:

Melissa Browning
Dawnn Ripberger

The meeting was called to order at 12:11pm on April 13, 2022 by Brian Bias.

March 2022 Minutes – The March meeting minutes were discussed and approved as written. Tim Woodruff made a motion to approve the minutes, Brenda Paxton seconded. All board members voted unanimously to approve.

March 2-April 6, 2022 Financials – The financials were discussed and approved as reported. Julie Coffman made a motion to approve the financials, Steven DeLorenzo seconded. All board members voted to unanimously approve.

Old Business:

- Union Street Parking – held Merchant Meeting about parking issues on Union Street only on 3/14/22. All in attendance were in agreement to recommend to go back to 2 hour parking. This was presented to Liberty Town Council and LTC voted to switch it to 2 hour parking and they are working on the ordinance.
- Liberty Town Council also wrote a letter to INDOT to stop the turn lane project on Union Street.
- Canvas Tote Bags are put together with donations from local businesses. These will be used to welcome new businesses and to gift to non-members to join the UCDC.

New Business:

- Highway 27 from Energy Plus to Dollar General will be milled and repaved, sidewalk ramps replaced. Set to start fairly soon. Asked them to not be doing construction on July 1-4, 2022.
- Merchant Meeting was held on 4/11/22. Conversation was good. About 10 in attendance. Will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm. Next meeting is on 5/9/22 at 5:30pm at Kehila Coffee.
- Parking for 4th of July – looking into options, contacting churches, Mason's, Parks, Schools about shuttling.
- SEI READI – Setting up board with representatives from each county. Believe it to be Howard Curry.

- Curtis Ward – Melissa and Dawnn met with him to see what his political views, ideas, etc are for his campaign for State Representative.
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- Melissa and Dawnn are putting together a basket donation for the Liberty Elementary School Basket Bash. Basket Bash is on 4/21/22.
- Duck Regatta is on May 29th. Mathews Auto Center and FrameMaker Gallery sponsored the tickets this year. Brian will probably not be able to help the day of event. Steven/Noah said they would have someone from park to help out.
- Kraft paper Shopping Bags – ordered 300 to get started. Ordered a 4x4” stamp to stamp the bags with “Thank you for shopping Union County.” Passing out to merchants free of charge to use for their shopping bags. Has been well received so far.
- Mural Update
 - Terry Lingner, Bob Jenkins publicist called Melissa 4/12/22. Bob’s niece and nephew are fighting over Bob’s estate. Terry is going to ask the lawyer to put a stipulation in that says to pay the UCDC \$25,000 for mural. Pam Bliss is requiring \$10,000 down. \$5,000 to come from Tim Woodruff and \$5,000 from Terry Lingner.
 - Working o n an interactive mural on the side of the Liberty Herald building. Brian Noah is on board. Asking Mark Bertch to possibly paint.
- The Daily Scoop – is set to open May 1st.
- House of Spuds – is moving to Liberty, next door to Pollitt’s Pitstop within the month.
- Brew Slice – Mike and Gena Waltz finalized the purchase of Brew Slice.
- Live in Liberty – passing out post cards to advertise. First event is May 4th.
- Applied for the Whitewater Valley REMC grant for funding for 4th of July.
- Applied for the Union County Foundation grant for funding for 4th of July.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm by Brian Bias.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at Noon.