

The Springfield Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019
Lincoln Library
10:30 a.m.

Members Present:

✓ Mark Vance	✓ Mike Pittman
✓ Dave Robinson	✓ Karen Conn
✓ Shelia Stocks-Smith	✓ Sandy Hamilton

Members Absent: Nate Fretz

City Staff: Jim Langfelder, Val Yazell, Craig Jeffers, Abby Powell, Joey Morris

Guests: Michelle Ownbey, Bill Prather, Timothy Nesbitt, Marty Steindl, Polly Poskin, Richard Hatchett, Aaron Whitlock, Nate Johns, Bill Legge, Bruce Rushton, Brenan Moore

I. Call to Order

Mike Pittman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call by Sign in Sheet

Nate Fretz absent, all other members present

III. Approval of Minutes

Unanimous approval of August 13, 2019, meeting minutes on a motion by Karen Conn and a second by Dave Robinson.

IV. Discussion Items

Abby Powell gave an update on Homeowner Rehab Program Status, Bright New Day Project, and YMCA Project. Val Yazell gave an update on the DK Collections Project and the 5th Street Renaissance Project.

V. Action Items

a. Structural Rubber Products

Aaron Whitlock and Nate Johns of Structural Rubber Products requested \$175,000 in CDBG Business Assistance to purchase plant equipment and, as a result, create five jobs for low and moderate income persons.

On a motion by Sheila Stocks-Smith and a second by Karen Conn, the commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council approve the requested \$175,000 in business assistance, with Mark Vance abstaining.

b. GROWTH International, 1009 N. 4th Street

Richard Hatchett of GROWTH International requested funding of \$260,063 for the rehabilitation of the building at 1009 N. 4th, which will be rented to low and moderate income persons.

On a motion by Sandy Hamilton and seconded by Dave Robinson, the commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council approval for \$260,063 in HOME funds.

c. Boys and Girls Club, Parking Lot Repair

Bill Legge of Boys and Girls Clubs of Central requested funding \$135,030 for rehabilitation of the parking lot and storage shed for their facility at 300 S. 15th Street.

Karen Conn motioned to recommend City Council approval for \$148,533 in CDBG funds and the motion was seconded by Dave Robinson. The commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.

VI. Other Business

Mike Pittman announced his resignation from the commission due to a change in work obligations.

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:47 A.M.