

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 7, 2010

**In Attendance:** Councilperson Hardman, Councilperson Cordry, City Administrator Harrill, members of the media.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Chairman Hardman.

1. "Adopt the Square" – Councilperson Hardman has been approached by youth interested in giving back to their community. Councilperson Hardman is making a list of projects that these groups can participate in such as cleaning up around the square.
2. I-44 Master Gardener Update – Master Gardener's group has a new coordinator, Clara Magoon. The Master Gardner's group will work on the I-44 area this fall.
3. Christmas Parade – Mr. Harrill and City Clerk Carol Welch is working with the Lions Club on the Christmas Parade. Mr. Corbett is working on a theme.
4. "Third Thursday" Update – Councilperson Hardman reported that the "Third Thursday" has been very successful. Because of the success of the event the committee needs volunteers to help coordinate the events, and has decided to hold only 3 events in the spring and 3 events in the fall.
5. DREAM and Future Downtown Projects – The Dream application has been submitted. Councilperson Hardman talked about future projects – more sidewalks (in front of the Talbot house, License Bureau) City parking lots, help with home improvements for low income citizens. With the award of a Dream application comes many avenues of professional helps.
6. Rt 66 Summer Jam – Councilperson Hardman has talked with Mr. Carter of Rt 66 Music, Mr. Carter is planning for the Summer Jam next summer.
7. Rt 66 Tree Replacement – Councilperson Hardman informed the committee concerning the Pear trees presently lining Rt 66. The City has lost 12 trees and many of the remaining trees are becoming brittle. Councilperson Cordry suggested landscaping instead of trees. Mr. Harrill will research different ideas.
8. New Businesses: Tre" Spa, Charmed Cakes, Hopper's – Councilperson invited everyone to visit our new businesses now open – Tre'Spa, Charmed Cakes, Hoppers, and Lone Oak Printing is now open on the square.
9. Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Update – Council Person Hardman wanted to remind everyone of the Journey Stories Exhibition October 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 13<sup>th</sup>.
10. Update on G.W. Lane Project – The project is out for bid with a projected award date of September 24, 2010.
11. Community Dates:  
Cemetery Dedication September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1: 00 pm

Safe Routes to School Project Public Hearing September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 pm  
No Wednesday Farmer's Market  
Frog Fest October 9.

Meeting adjourned by Councilperson Hardman at 5:30 pm