

Business Development Commission (BDC)
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 27, 2018
 LOCATION: City Hall
 CALLED TO ORDER: 8:01 AM
 MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:20 AM
 NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 1, 2018

Name	Present	Absent
Jon Spiesman (Citizen at Large), Chair	X	
Mike Pincus (Citizen at Large)	X	
Pam Neihaus, Vice Chair (Citizen at Large)	X	
Robin McNabb (Yorkshire Business)	X	
Jennifer Starkey (Business Owner Rep.)	X	
Rebecca Now (Chamber of Commerce)	X	
Tim Delanty (Old Webster)	X	
Mary Jane Armstrong (Old Orchard)		X
Vacancy		
Frank Janoski, Council Liaison	X	
Joan Jadali, City Manager Designee	X	
Mara Perry, Staff Liaison	X	

Also in Attendance

Holland Saltsman – Old Orchard Commission Member
 Bud Bellomo – Council Member, City of Webster Groves
 Pam Bliss – Council Member, City of Webster Groves
 Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the August minutes by Jennifer Starkey, seconded by Tim Delanty and unanimously approved.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS DISTRICTS

- **Old Webster Special Business District:** They Jazz & Blues Festival saw record numbers of attendees this year; Allen Avenue saw a big increase. The new summer banner design has been approved. They are moving forward on designs for new banners for spring and fall as well.
- **Old Orchard Special Business District:** They are continuing with their rooftop lighting project; the first phase will focus on the core of the district. They approved a special activities permit for a Fall Festival organized by Civil Alchemy. It will take place in the back of their property and use one lane of the adjacent public parking lot. They will host pop-up vendors, Balkan Treat Box’s food truck and a beer truck.
- **Crossroads Special Business District:** The district did not receive the federal funding for their streetscape project. They will meet with the East/West Gateway organization to determine why. They approved a special activities permit for an art event planned the last weekend of the month on Digital Strike’s property.

BDC STRATEGIC PLAN

Jon Spiesman and Frank Janoski will work on the next steps of moving the strategic plan forward.

BDC HOLIDAY SUB-COMMITTEE

Tim Delanty and Holland Saltsman will participate on the BDC Holiday Sub-Committee representing Old Webster and Old Orchard businesses.

CITY UPDATE

- Work continues text and code amendments to the zoning code.
- The project for the location of the former Gerber Chapel has moved forward to City Council.
- A Church has requested a CUP for a location in a strip mall on Brentwood Blvd.
- The first public hearing for the Rolling Ridge project is going before the Planning Commission on Monday; a 17-page staff report is available online.
- Balkan Treat Box and Firenza Pizza locations are under construction.
- The CUP's for the former Auto Beauty location have all been amended.
- Construction drawings for the project at the former YMCA project are expected in January.
- Rolling Ridge had several fall events planned; they were unaware they needed a special activities permit in order to have food trucks as part of the event by city ordinance however, and decided to cancel the events instead of pursuing the permit.

NEXT MEETING

November 1st at 8:00 AM at City Hall.