

**BOONSBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2017**

The Boonsboro Economic Development Commission met on April 26, 2017 at the Kauffman Annex. In attendance: Chairman George Messner, Secretary Vickie Messner, Carol Blessing, Kristin Bowl, Jennifer Guenther, Terri Packard, and Council liaison Cindy Kauffman. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM.

**The minutes** from the February 22, 2017 meeting were approved as written. Motion to accept: T. Packard, Second: C. Blessing. Motion carried.

The next **Networking Breakfast** is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2017 @7:30 AM at Vesta. Notification of the event will be sent by May 10<sup>th</sup>, and RSVP date if May 16<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker is Dr. Ken Film of South Mountain Dentistry. Dr. Film is also a sponsor for the Boonsboro Night at the Hagerstown Suns (a 225 Anniversary event).

**Old Business**

The **Spring/Summer rack cards** have been sent with the second quarter utility bills.

J. Guenther announced Thompson Gas has been added to the **First Saturday** businesses. Two banners were purchased to advertise Love Your Local and the 225 Anniversary, and are alternately hung in front of Town Hall.

**The 225 Anniversary committee** will conduct a field trip for Boonsboro Elementary School fourth graders to the Bowman House and Trolley Station Museum on May 16 (rain date May 17). On April 7, George Messner, Cindy Kauffman, and Vickie Messner spoke to a third grade magnet class at the elementary school to give children information for projects/displays they plan to do highlighting Boonsboro's history. The Leo Club has made a Boonsboro picture display for the library. Lou Scally has offered radio time on his morning show sometime in late June to promote the Washington Monument Commemorative Ceremony on July 1. Bernadette Wagner is hosting a fall event at Hospice which will allow TV time on her show. The next major event is Boonsboro Night at the Hagerstown Suns on June 23, at which time 1,000 limited edition 3-D replicas of the Washington Monument will be distributed. 2,000 **Walking Tour brochures** with app availability are now available at numerous locations. The CVB and Boonsboro Historical Society shared the cost of the reprint.

The **2017 Farmer's Market** opens May 2 from 4-7 PM. The market will be open every Tuesday at these times throughout the summer. A permanent market sign has been placed on Pavilion 1 in the park. An article about Boonsboro and the 225 anniversary appears in the April issue of MML's **Maryland Magazine**.

**Washington County Community Coalition** efforts affecting legislation was discussed. ex. Maryland Heritage Area Authority grant program increased \$3 million cap to \$6 million for the thirteen Maryland Heritage areas.

**New Business**

The **proposed EDC budget for FY 2018** was presented to the commission and accepted.

Dan Murphy is working on the map to be placed in the **kiosk** which will be located at the entrance to Gaines Place. July 1 is the target date for the completion of this project.

**New business activity-** Stone Works Coffee and Sweets (7 N. Main St.) expected to open in late May.

Boonsboro Congregate Site for senior citizens opened in early April at the Eugene Smith Community Center. Open 9 AM-1 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A hot meal is provided for a minimum fee and games and activities are also a part of the program.

A letter was received from Hospice of Washington County thanking the EDC for its donation of \$375 from PopUp Shop revenues to **Doey's House**. The EDC made a \$1,000 pledge to be contributed over a four- year period (\$250 per year). \$125 has been credited to 2018 contribution.

**PopUp Shops** are scheduled for July 22 (TTP anniversary book signing) and December 2 (Olde Tyme Christmas) and will be held at Hospice of Boonsboro.

The EDC recommends the Council consider the **membership reappointments** for Carol Blessing, Bruce Wilder, and Vickie Messner whose terms expire May 2017.

Motion to adjourn: T. Packard, Second: C. Blessing. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 10:40 AM.

**Next meeting: Wednesday June 21, 2017** (meeting scheduled one week earlier because of MML convention)

**Upcoming Events: In addition to events on Spring/Summer rack card**

May 2, 9, 16- Farmer's Market 4-7 PM

May 6 & June 2- Love Your Local First Saturday shopping

May 12- Leadership 30 Washington County visit

May 13- Veteran's Fishing Derby **cancelled**

June 6, 13, 20, 27- Farmer's Market 4-7 PM

June 10- Family Movie Night 9 PM

June 23- Boonsboro Night at the Hagerstown Suns 7:05 PM (225 Anniversary event)