

Battlefield Economic Development Commission

Minutes

September 18, 2009

Item 1: Meeting called to order at 8:04 am by Chairman Nick Penka. Members present are Nick Penka, Steve Reith, Jeff Lambeth, Bernadette Losh and City Administrator Rick Hess. The owner of Sapphire Mills, Scott Bottorf has been invited to join and is also present.

Item 2: Steve Reith motions to approve the amended minutes for the August 28, 2009 meeting. Jeff Lambeth seconds and the minutes are approved.

Item 3: Updates are given by Mr. Hess. The owner of FBN Metals and Snap Lock is looking to move his business. He needs around 30,000 to 35,000 sq. ft. The commission would like to keep the business local and will keep his needs in mind, and keep him apprised of potential space to relocate.

Item 4: Scott Bottorf gives the commission information on his business and his experiences with the city of Battlefield. Mr. Bottorf owns Sapphire Mills which is an embroidery company that mainly focuses on wholesale. He and his wife started the company 9 years ago.

The current location of Sapphire Mills is for sale and has been since the first of the year. Mr. Bottorf would like to down size a bit.

Mr. Bottorf says that his experiences with the city have been positive for the most part, excluding being on probation due to tall grass on part of the property that his business sits on. He states that it has been a frustration of his for the last 3 years.

Chairman Nick Penka explains that the focus of the EDC is to bring businesses to Battlefield and the commission wants to know what's going on in our business environment. Mr. Bottorf is thanked for his time and input.

Item 5: The commissioners look at the rough draft of the Battlefield brochure. Commissioners attempt to finalize how to word each section. Discussion on the layout of the map and what is important to convey to business owners. Discuss adding available commercial sites to the map, and possibly in another color so it stands out a little.

The commissioners decide that they need to add some additional meetings to get this task accomplished and to bring in Mayor Judy.

A motion is made to add a lunch meeting early in October by Nick Penka, Bernadette Losh seconds the motion and all are in favor. Nick will collaborate with the commissioners to finalize a date that is convenient for all involved.

Item 6: A motion is made by Bernadette Losh to adjourn at 9:00 am and seconded by Steve Reith, all in favor.