

Battlefield Economic Development Commission

Minutes

March 19, 2010

Item 1: Meeting called to order at 8:06am by Chairman Nick Penka. Commissioners present are: Nick Penka, Bernadette Losh, Steve Reith, Jeff Lambeth, Dan Bare and City Administrator Rick Hess. Also present is Ward 1 Alderman Aaron Kruse who is running for mayor in the upcoming election.

Item 2: Bernadette Losh motions to approve the minutes from February, and the minutes are approved.

Aaron Kruse is introduced to the commissioners and briefed on the city brochure that is in production stages. Mr. Kruse is asked what his thoughts are on promoting business development in Battlefield. He states that he is a proponent of bringing businesses to Battlefield as long as the particular type of business is good for the community.

Item 3: Mr. Hess reports that Rozzo's Pizza opened on 3-14-2010 next to the Dollar Shop. He also reports that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony some time next week for American Family Insurance next to Godfathers, and Russell Cellular is in the Springfield Business Journal as one of the top businesses this year.

Item 4: Nick introduces a website called Directories USA that assists in locating specific businesses in a designated area. Commissioners will divide our target list of businesses and utilize the website to build a database to help decide who to send city brochures to.

The brochure will be completed once the spring weather changes the landscape to obtain better pictures of the city.

Mr. Kruse talks about a project coming to Battlefield via First Baptist Church. The group will provide construction/ maintenance type projects at no cost to members of our community. The group only asks that the citizens provide the materials for the project; they will provide the labor.

Item 5: Motion to adjourn is made by Bernadette Losh at 9:05am, seconded by Dan Bare.

_____ Nick Penka, Chairman _____ Date

ATTEST:

_____ Susan R Diehl, CMC/MRCC _____ Date