

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Economic Development Committee – Joint Workgroup Meeting

EDC Members Present: Paul White, Steven Kyle Williams, Jo Anne Wright

EDC Members Absent: Ed Morrell, Lesia McKenzie, Barry Perry, Don Brown, Ginny Porter

Staff Present: David Bergmark, Patrick Reidy, Allison Rice

Guests: Commissioner Laughery, Commissioner Gray, Commissioner Parham, Kara Bettis from WWN

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The meeting was called to order by Paul White, and was promptly turned over to David Bergmark. Mr. Bergmark noted there was not a quorum present, so this was not an official meeting of the EDC, and no action could be taken. Mr. Bergmark also noted that Ashley Cagle of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce was not able to attend as was noted in the Agenda.

Mr. White discussed many of the bills that were being presented to the state legislature, including the ABC bill.

Mr. Bergmark discussed his findings for establishing a Downtown Retail Overlay District. He noted that Mr. White had some concerns that his business, Universal Chevrolet and all of its contributing businesses would be nonconforming in this District. Mr. Bergmark suggested that they cut the District boundary off at 4th street and expand it to include a few additional businesses along 3rd street. Mr. White said he was also concerned about prohibiting warehouse space in the Downtown District, and requiring parking reserved for apartments.

There was discussion about signage for the Town, including a tourism billboard for Downtown Wendell, gateway signs, and directional signs. Mr. Reidy explained the current state of the street signs along Wendell Falls Parkway, and said he would follow up with DOT about directional signs.

Commissioner Gray asked about establishing a mailbox in Downtown Wendell. Mr. Reidy said that he had spoken with Wendell's Post Master and gave the pricing for a post office box.

The meeting was adjourned.