

**Business Development Commission (BDC)
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 27, 2023
 LOCATION: City Hall
 CALLED TO ORDER: 8:02 AM
 MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:05 AM
 NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, , 2023

Name	Present	Absent
Mike Pincus, Chair (Citizen at Large)	X	
Tim Delanty, Vice Chair (Old Webster Rep)	X	
Stephanie Skees (Old Orchard Rep)	X	
Julia Leenig (Crossroads Rep)	X	
Bud Bellomo (Chamber of Commerce)	X	
Tammy Behm (Commercial Business Owner)	X	
Eric Browring (Citizen at Large)	X	
Ceci Bartels (Home-Based Business Owner)	X	
Stacie Swederska (Commercial Business Owner)	X	
Pam Bliss, Council Liaison	X	
Eric Peterson, Staff Liaison	X	

Also in Attendance:
 Sgt. Jason Flanery – Webster Groves Police Department
 Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Bud Bellomo, seconded by Ceci Bartels, and unanimously approved.

Business Coffee

The Sub-Committee (Commission Members Tammy Behm, Julia Leenig, and Eric Browring) shared their plan for the upcoming Business Coffee. Discussion ensued and plans were finalized as follows:

- The event will take place on Wednesday, May 17th at the Rec Center from 8:30 – 10:30 AM.
- Coffee and pastries will be provided.
- All BDC Commission Members should be in attendance to help run the event.
- The invitation/flyer contains a QR code to RSVP via an Evite link.
- The event will be posted on the BDC landing page on the City’s website with the RSVP link
- The invitation will be sent out in an e-blast to businesses
- Paper copies will be available for Commission Members to invite business owners in person.

- In-person distribution follows:
 - Mike Pincus & Eric Bowring - Old Orchard Business District
 - Julia Leenig - Crossroads Business District
 - Ceci Bartels - A portion of the Old Webster Business District
 - Tammy Behm - Zeta Dell Business Neighborhood
 - Stephanie Skees – Big Bend/Laclede Business Area
- The format is informal with stations set up around the room to engage and solicit input:

Station Topics	Create Station	Staff Station
Shop Local Marketing	Tammy Behm	Ceci Bartels
QR Code/Interactive Map	Julia Leenig	Stacie Swederska
Business Liaison	Eric Bowring	Eric Bowring
Work in Webster Groves Job Board	Tammy Behm	Stephanie Skees
Changes & Updates	Tammy Behm	Tammy Behm
Business Education Summit	Julia Leenig	Julia Leenig
Green Dining District	Sustainability Commission	Sustainability Commission
Open Question	Mike Pincus	Mike Pincus
Check-In	na	Tim Delanty

Business District/City Updates

- Business Districts have completed budgeting.
- Street work and “road diets” are planned for Big Bend and S. Elm.
- The former Commerce Bank building in Old Orchard is for sale.
- The Green Space Commission is running Eco Education Sessions at the library.
- Balancing Act Software is on the City website for the public to give input on the budget.

Next Meeting – May 25, 2023 at 8:00 AM

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.