



Community Development Advisory Board (PCDAB)
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2024, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The following PCDAB members were present: Ron Pate, Phyllis Arrington, Suzanne Coker Craig, Kyle Cecchi, Patrick Pender and Hattie Harris.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the January 28, 2024, PCDAB meeting were reviewed.

Susanne motioned to approve, Kyle seconded, and as all members agreed, the minutes were approved.

3. Strategic Teams Discussion

- Healthy Sustainable Living

Hattie will talk to someone from Community Family Gardens in Conetoe to determine if fresh produce is still being given out in the community. She said that the produce was given out free to anyone that stopped by. The produce stand was in Pines Chapel Church parking lot. Hattie stated she would reach out to Rev. Joyner for more information and to get input to help with the Healthy Living initiative.

Susanne stated that she is on the committee with Vines Cobb community garden. She will talk to the committee about ways to get more produce into the community. Suzanne is also talking to Commissioner Kendrick Ransome to get his input and involvement.

Rob mentioned the big three focus of healthy living.....Diet, Exercise and Sleep.

Ron suggestion was to approach the medical center and pharmacy in Pinetops to see if they would promote a healthy lifestyle by providing free health screenings to the community.

Walking trails were also discussed. Suzanne's suggestion was to have a visual footprint to mark the trail. Possibility of using the Boy's Scouts to assist with the markers. Susanne explained to the Board where her current walking path is.

Ron stated there were two aspects of a walking trail to be considered:

1. Safety aspect (traffic and crossings)
2. Trip hazards (broken pavement)

Kyle suggested that we get the contents of the new walking trail to the Commissioners as soon as possible for evaluation.

It was stated that there is a walking trail at the Park near the baseball field. Ron suggested that we evaluate cleaning up the park trail to raise awareness. Kyle and family volunteered to clean up the trail. Kyle will investigate getting matching safety vests to raise awareness of the clean-up activity.

- Destination or Rural Entrepreneurs

Ron got VP / GM commitment from ABB for a meeting. Ron will put together a summary of action items that ABB could help with in the community.

Kyle is looking into what to pull data-wise for building inventory and sent the list with his recommendations in the email. We must define the downtown district boundaries to define what buildings are included.

Ron recommended that we review Kyle's list and have a Zoom session on this topic. Suggested that we have the working meeting to nail this down within 2 weeks.

Kyle will send out new data with "points of interest" to help all understand the data. Kyle will also send out a Doodle Poll so that everyone can choose which time works best for them.

- Active Inclusive Town

No updates from Patrick. Ardean was not present.

4. Other Business

Suzanne suggested that we take some time out of each PCDA meeting to have a breakout session to discuss initiatives with team members.

All agreed to have a 30-minute breakout session for each Strategic Team at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

6. Adjournment

Being no further business for the meeting, Suzanne motioned to adjourn, Kyle seconded, and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

I hereby attest that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Pinetops Community Development Advisory Board ("PCDAB") held on February 28, 2024.

Hattie Harris

Hattie Harris, Secretary, PCDAB