



Community Development Advisory Board (PCDAB)
Meeting Minutes
March, 27, 2024, 6:10 pm

1. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

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

Odyssey Brown attended as the Zoom host.

2. Minutes

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

Phyllis motioned to approve, Hattie seconded, and as all members agreed, the minutes were approved.

Minutes from Working Meeting on March 20, 2024, were read. No questions asked.

3. Strategic Teams Discussion

- Destination or Rural Entrepreneurs (this team crosses the boundaries of the other 2 teams).

Downtown Boundaries – Ron explained the importance of making sure that Pinetops had a defined boundary that is considered as the “Downtown” area.

1. Attract investors.
2. Obtaining grants for the community.

Kyle sent out email to all PCDAB members with recent revisions to include a zoning view, Google and GIS view. Ron shared the views on his screen and Kyle explained each.

Phyllis asked if the old Cotton Belt “showroom” was included in the downtown boundaries and Kyle replied yes.

Phyllis also asked about grant monies and where those monies would come from. Ron stated that acquiring monies (grants, etc.) falls under the Town jurisdiction. However, Ron said that the Advisory Board can identify grants available and help to facilitate and advise concerning grants.

The floor was opened for a motion to present the Downtown Boundaries map to the Commissioners at their next Board meeting (April 2nd). Phyllis motioned to submit the presentation to Commissioners and Hattie seconded. All were in agreement.

Kyle stated that he could not attend the April 2 commissioner's meeting, therefore, Phyllis volunteered to present "if" Kyle would document the "wording" to be used in the presentation. Kyle agreed to put together a brief PPT presentation for Phyllis to use.

- Healthy Sustainable Living

Hattie met with Andrea Chance from Conetoe Family Life Center concerning bringing fresh produce to the Pinetops community. The Center is still bringing produce to the community, however, at a different location. They used to be in the Pine Chapel Church parking lot, but now are at the Old Sparta Community Center, near Carver School.

The Family Life Center will relaunch their produce program in May, with a Farm Bus Pop-Up on June 1, 2024, at the Pinetops Community House, located at 202 South 9th Street. Hours will be from 9am – 11am. Andrea talked with Mayor Brenda Harrell about relaunching the program and the event scheduled for June 1st. Mayor Harrell was very excited and suggested that Jessica attend the May 7th Commissioner's meeting and present this to the board. Hattie will get a copy of Andrea's presentation and present at the next PCSAB meeting.

Ron asked about the Walking Trail in Pinetops near the ballpark. Hattie stated that she went to the trail and looked at it. The trail didn't appear to need a lot of clean-up work.

Ron suggested, as a way to reintroduce the walking trail to the community, have a "Walking / Clean-up Day" and get the community involvement.

Kyle stated that he had talked with Police Chief Stacy Harrell concerning safety vests for the clean-up. Ron stated that he would check with ABB to see if they would donate safety vests. Ron suggested to have volunteers to bring their own tools for cleanup such as weed eaters, trash bags, etc. Also, will need to get a "no-liability" clause drawn up by the town attorney.

Phyllis volunteered to provide lunch for the clean-up day. Ron suggested that this could be a great opportunity to get the businesses involved, so ask them to provide lunch. Ron stated he would work on flyers advertising the clean-up.

Phyllis asked about tee-shirt colors and the consensus was to get orange t shirts with black letters.

- Active Inclusive Town

No updates. Patrick left the zoom meeting early and Ardean was not present.

4. Other Business

Ron stated that the Entrepreneurship Team is about bringing businesses into the town. The son of Providence Bank's VP has agreed to find a substitute from the banking industry to be a part of the **Entrepreneurship Team**. Ron will reach out to Southern Bank to see if someone from this bank is interested in being on the Team.

Ron asked about the owner of the Old Cotton Belt building. Kyle stated the owner was Ellis Phillips, who lives in Washington. Kyle said he could get Mr. Phillip's contact information, if needed. Phyllis said she interacted with Mr. Phillips in the past and gave the Board some background information relating to her interaction.

Ron said that he and Kyle could go to Washington, contact Mr. Phillips, and do some brainstorming to discuss community initiatives with him.

Kyle will pull up the official inventory of the buildings from the "downtown" district with the outline proposal. This will be ready by April's meeting.

Odyssey said that she emailed the building inventory list to the Board.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

6. Adjournment

Being no further business for the meeting, Hattie motioned to adjourn, Phyllis seconded, and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 March 27, 2024.

Hattie Harris

Hattie Harris, Secretary, PCDAB