**Redevelopment Commission**

**August 3, 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Opening and Roll Call**

**Members present:** Shelley Haney, Chairperson, Suzanne Short, Brian Hurley, Heather Blaudow, Shannon Walls, MVCSC representative and Larry Longman, Council Liaison.

**Members absent:** Brian Miller.

**Others present:** Town Manager Tonya Galbraith, Director of Planning and Building Ryan Crum, Gregg Morelock, Ariel Schoen and Tim Jensen of Veridus.

1. **Approval of July 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes**
The July 6 meeting minutes will be approved at the September 7, 2017 meeting because the members who attended that meeting were not present.
2. **Veridus Kick-off – Tim Jensen**

Ms. Galbraith introduced Tim Jensen of Veridus, an economic development and engineering group, who are offering their services in the development of a much needed and discussed town center for McCordsville. Mr. Jensen is here to give training to the RDC regarding visioning and also some training on what the Commission has the power to do and how to go about doing that. Veridus would do the consulting, but not the engineering of the project so there would be no conflict of interest.

Mr. Jensen further introduced himself by sharing his qualifications and experience and giving a slide presentation. A few of their most recent clients are Lawrenceburg, Speedway, Brownsburg, Yorktown, Plainfield and Whiting. A detailed step-by-step plan to move forward with this project was distributed to all attendees and is attached to the original meeting minutes.

Questions were fielded by Mr. Jensen following the presentation. Mr. Longman brought up the difference of towns who have volunteer RDC members and those who have paid staff to which Mr. Jensen explained the story of another town’s experience who had a volunteer commission. He also said he would pull together some comparisons from communities about the same size as McCordsville.

Ms. Galbraith suggested that a decision be made about the purpose of the next meeting. Mr. Jensen recommended that it just be a work session with just the RDC to brainstorm and get a clear understanding of the vision. Ms. Short agreed that the meeting should be just the RDC. Ms. Blaudow shared that there seems to be a gap and it’s difficult to tie goals to a vision that isn’t clear. It was then agreed upon that the September meeting will be a visioning meeting. Mr. Jensen offered to send Ms. Galbraith some big picture questions that we will go over so the Commission members will have time to be thinking on those prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Hurley, as the RDC liaison to the Town Council, will keep them informed and make sure they know they are contributors to this project as well.

1. **Economic Development Plan Update**

The 2016 Economic Development Plan was made available electronically for all members and it was reviewed page-by-page. Discussion, edits and corrections were discussed and noted by Ms. Galbraith who will be doing the revisions to the plan.

1. **Façade Grant update**Discussion was held regarding the activity of a couple of local businesses. Mr. Crum offered to check out one of them, and Ms. Blaudow the other. They will report back in September.
2. **Website Update**

The website should be completed after Labor Day and hopefully it will be ready in time to roll-out at the September meeting.

1. **Council Liaison Report**Larry Longman provided the report from the July Town Council meeting.
2. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

1. **New Business**

There was no new business.

1. **Next regular meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2017.**
2. **Adjourn-**Motion by Ms. Blaudow to adjourn, 2nd by Ms. Short.