

## **Mt Airy, MD Economic Development Commission – 23 February 2022**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – 7:02 PM.**

### **Roll Call**

In Attendance:

- Josiah Timmerman
- Dan McNeill
- Donnamarie Needle
- Jimmy Linton
- Darlene Davidson-Union
- Ray Miller

- Morgan Rock
- Karl Munder (Town Council)

Others in Attendance:

- Larry Hushour (Mayor)
- Melissa Thorn (Town of Mt Airy)
- Alice Settle-Raskin (MAMSA)

**Welcome to new EDC member Morgan Rock.**

**(Noted no public comment)**

**Approval of January Minutes – Seconded and voted/passed**

### **Guest Speaker – (Bill Butts, and Wayne Evans, Mt Airy Senior Task Force)**

- Bill and Wayne provided detailed background on MAST, and their goal to address multiple limitations affecting the senior population of Mt Airy. A lengthy discussion with EDC members followed regarding transportation issues and ways the EDC and other commissions can integrate with MAST to achieve their goals.

### **Community Development – Melissa Thorn**

- The town has hired a social media/outreach coordinator who will also run the town's website.
- The community map has been delivered, and is now being fine-tuned by town staff
- The Building a Brighter Future grant has been awarded to five recipients, with money still available. The Façade grant has been fully awarded.

### **Mt Airy Chamber of Commerce – Ray Miller**

- Committee chair positions have been filled. The Chamber would like to coordinate with the EDC & MAMSA on a business expo/job fair event.

### **Town Council Updates – Karl Munder**

- The Council met on February 7th. Several ordinances were introduced, with anticipated votes coming in March. Events are upcoming regarding public feedback for the Greentree Development and Beck Property.

### **Mt Airy Police Department Updates – Adam Long**

- Various issues were discussed with the EDC. The lighting in the parking lot by Mama Angelo's was highlighted as one issue affecting local businesses.

### **Partner Updates**

– **Alice Settle-Raskin (MAMSA)** provided a detailed updates on upcoming MAMSA events. A membership drive and Board election are coming up soon. MAMSA is looking for additional volunteers.

### **Old Business**

- (Donnamarie) Welcome Home Mount Airy: The initial filling of bags has been completed – a sample was provided for the EDC to view. The bags will start going out to residents who moved to town Oct 1 – Dec 31.

### **New Business**

- (Josiah) Food Truck Event (Title TBD): Some locations have been considered in various business centers around town. The next steps are to contact the property owners. The EDC discussed which day of the week would best suit such an event, the consensus being Saturdays.

### **Public Comment**

- Mayor Hushour provided updates on upcoming events.

**Motion to adjourn, Seconded at 8:56 PM.** Next meeting is 23 March at 7:00PM at Mt Airy Town Hall