

**CITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**COURT HOUSE**  
**Economic Strategies and Cooperation Meeting**  
**April 15, 2019**

The Economic, Strategies and Cooperation Committee met in the Lower Level Conference Room of 105 North Main Street on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Ms. Kendra Hernandez presided, and those in attendance were; Mr. Steve Shiltz, Council Member, Mr. Jim Chrisman, Council Chairperson, Mr. Dale Lynch, Council Member, Mr. Steve Jennings Council Member, Mrs. Chelsie Baker, Economic Development Director and Mr. Joseph Denen, City Manager.

1. The Committee reviewed progress with Industrial Development. The Committed noted that Tony's welding was doing exceptionally well.
2. The Committee was advised that representatives from the city, county and regional partner DDC, met with Don Porter from Lowe's District Center last month for a BR&E meeting. Mr. Porter discussed the current health of their facility, employees and overall business.
3. The Committee reviewed progress with downtown buildings and businesses. The Committee noted Brittany Pfeifer, owner and operator of Three Birds Two Stones grand opening. A "New Business" plaque was presented by Mr. Joe Denen, Chelsie Baker and Tamra Hall, President of Main Street Committee. Three Birds Two Stones is located at 128 N. Fayette Street.
4. The Committee noted the Easter Shop Hop was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> and that the Chocolate Walk event was held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. An overall account of both evens was provided to the Committee. The Administration advised the Committee that both events brought many community members to the downtown area and noted that they anticipate more foot traffic as warmer weather arrives
5. The Committee noted that a Mother's Day Shop Hop will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019.
6. The Committee noted that a ribbon cutting was held by the Chamber at the new Back-En-Thyme Boutique owned by Kendra Hernandez.
7. The Administration advised the Committee that Sweetwater Bay Boutique had relocated at 131 E Court Street. The Committee noted that a new men's clothing store named Himz, would open soon at that rear of that same location.
8. The Committee benefited from a review of sound system details for the downtown area that will be placed along Court Street. The sound system will be used through the week to play music for downtown clientele, as well as for special events such as shop hops, walks, festival and parades.

9. The Committee reviewed progress with commercial development. The Committee noted that a new department store will replace Peebles. Gordmans will have a grand opening in June of this year. Gordmans is comparable to a TJMaxx, according to the marketing representative for Gordmans. More details surrounding the grand opening will follow closer to June.
10. The Committee was advised of the approximate closing date of Pat Catan's. The Committee noted that the Administration was working with Buxton to help locate a comparable replacement for that location.
11. The Administration advised the Committee that Kelley Ford and Chelsie Baker would be attending a Career Fair for both High School Juniors and Seniors. Information regarding city positions, benefits and opportunities would be provided.
12. The Committee noted the Administration was working on a new segment to be posted to the Economic Development website and social media outlets regarding downtown businesses called "Did you Know?"

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Chairperson, Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee

Mrs. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary