



Date/Time: June 26, 2025 @ 6:03 p.m.

Location: Kingsport Fire Training Center

MEETING NOTES

Call to Order: Anitra Little, Chair

Present Members – Anitra Little, Laurie Machado, Eddie Grills, Morgan Hogate, Alanna Leonberg, Thad Noto, Amy Provance

Absentee Members – Caitlin Barton, Kathy Dockery, Heather Halsey, Brad Ollis, Theresa Ann Fanning

Staff and BMA Liaison(s): Maxine

Approval of Today's Agenda & Last Month's Minutes: Approval of May, 2025 minutes, Motion by Amy Provance, Second by Eddie Grills, [Aye (All)– all Nay – (0)]

Public Comment: No public Comment

Economic Development Department Update: Steven Bower, Economic Development Director came to give us an update on what is going on with the city. He started in 2019 for the City. They have many companies they are speaking to consistently for retail/restaurant/industrial recruitment for the city. The Brickyard Project is moving along. The first phase of building should be starting very soon. Grading is done, sidewalks in. They have started 32 homes. The dental clinic has phase one complete. Next year they will start phase 2. There are 3 students enrolled right now. The state of TN sends leads to the city for companies that would like to start or relocate a business. The process on that is they send them the lead, with no names mentioned, just what the need is (type of building, square footage, amenities, etc.). The city goes through available sites that match that and they submit a list to the state. Sometimes a lead works and the company will pursue it further. One new company that opened recently is Oneal Manufacturing. One report they can use for companies inquiring about our area is called the Buxton Report. They have all kinds of data for events that happen in our area. It can ping phones that are attending to tell them where that phone originated from prior to coming to our town for the event. He went over the Redevelopment districts. They have been more involved in outreach. They are now holding a Realtor Outreach meeting. The first one they did in 2021 had 6 agents

attend. In 2022 There were 40 people. They also do Business Park Roundtables. Also through the city you can obtain an available properties list by calling them and asking to be on the list to receive the report. Shooters, Crumbum and 6ix all came to being by using that list for available space to lease or buy. They worked 2 years on getting Academy Sports to come to Kingsport and they are now in the Pavillions. Fort Henry Mall now has Rural King open. The IMAX has hired their sub contractors and have stated they will be starting building in August. The IMAX portion is a new build added to existing theater and they will also do a remodel of the theater itself (new seating and adding a bar). They have received 3 Letter of Intents on the out parcels at the mall. In 2024 there were 150 building permits issued. Their website is:
www.kingsportecondev.com

City Business (Maxine): FunFest will be on 7/18 through 7/26

Closing Comments: None

Next Meeting Location & Date:

Thursday, July 31, 2025 @ Kingsport Fire Station #6, 4598 Fair Lane

Meeting adjourned at: 6:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Commissioner Laurie Machado