



City of LaSalle

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March 6, 2020 at 3:00 pm Economic Development Committee Meeting

Committee:

Diz Demes - Present

Doc Lavieri - Present

Tom Ptak - Present

Jordan Crane - Present

Joseph Jeppson - Present

Leah Inman - Present

Introduction of new Economic Development Director Leah Inman

Leah presented her background and experience, long-term and short-term goals to the committee

Update on items presented at the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs Conference in Springfield, IL

State economic initiatives include broadband, small business grants, agricultural technology

Discussion regarding potential developments within the City of La Salle and related matters

Tom: (1) Add permanently affixed directories to a few key locations (TBD) that would allow for insertion of a business map. (2) Add modular type structures as pop-up shops in vacated parking lots and areas. Structures would be available for rent by potential tenants and rental would include utility costs. Further investigation is required for both of these items.

Leah: (1) design a welcome packet for new businesses or those willing to relocate to La Salle. Packet would include utility information, ordinances, incentives available, plus general community information, (2) suggested implementing a shared online calendar with community events (3) discussed a potential proposal for development of the existing Vendome lot on the 500 block of First Street. (4) suggested that we inquire about all properties that have "cleared" EPA status and will request the documentation from the EPA

Jordan: suggested looking into the idea of an app to allow residents and visitors to receive information, view a map, etc.

Diz: inquired about the process for distributing and approving RIP grants amongst the ED committee

Joe: discussed the SW corner of 3rd and Bucklin Streets for development

Discussion and status updates regarding Occupancy permits

Currently they are not required in the City of La Salle to open your business to the public.

Leah suggested that current business owners that fill out the Occupancy registration or permit would be included on the city directory.

Long Term and Short-Term Goal handout distributed by Leah

Adjourn at 4:35 pm