

## NEWTON BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 10, 2014

### Minutes

- In attendance: Chairman Jerry Hodge, Donnie Setzer, Don Essary, Tony Jarrett, Joe Beaman, Alex Fulbright, Tom Warlick, Josh Cummings, Jeremy Petty
- In the absence of Rob Powell, Community Development Coordinator, minutes were taken by Joe Beaman and Jeremy Petty
- Hodge called meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and stated that a quorum was present
- Minutes from meeting held February 20, 2014 were unanimously approved following a motion by Don Essary
- Donnie Setzer reported on attending the Outdoorsman's Bonanza held in downtown Albemarle, NC on March 29, 2014. Consideration was given to hosting a similar event in Newton to provide funding to Newton DNDA and other charitable organizations in Newton. Was discussed to form a Steering Committee to work out details. Estimated attendance at Albemarle event was 2,800. Will further discuss this topic at next BAC meeting.
- Jerry Hodge, Don Essary, and Josh Cummings provided an update relative to DNDA status of filing for 501(c)(3) status. Need TIN to proceed and waiting to hear from IRS. Newton Noggin project is under supervision of Cummings as stated by Essary. Ready to move forward once we hear from IRS re: non-profit status for DNDA.
- Hodge reported that Business Regulations and Ordinances for City of Newton were under review, and Alex Fulbright proposed that revised ordinances would be similar as those for City of Lincolnton (copy provided to Committee members). Purpose would be to make the permitting process more user-friendly.
- Hodge stated that City had chosen Allison Platt and her design team to make proposal for Streetscape Project. Platt has accomplished similar projects for such cities as New Bern, NC. Looking for funding for study including grants. BAC will consider petition to be presented to Newton City Council to expedite Streetscape Project.
- Hodge reported that wayfinding plans have been submitted to DOT and we are waiting to hear response.
- Hodge reported that he had attended the NC Main Street Annual Conference in New Bern, NC, along with Rob Powell, Max Sigler, and Jessica Setzer, where he learned of tax credits and other incentives which would assist downtown revitalization efforts.
- Next meeting scheduled for May 8, 2014
- Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes approved on May 8, 2014 by Business Advisory Committee  
Rob Powell, Recording Secretary

*Rob Powell*  
SECRETARY