

February 7, 2011

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Northside area was held on February 7, 2011, at Chatham Hts. Baptist Church, 1235 Chatham Rd., Martinsville, VA at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding and Council members present: Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds was absent. Staff present: Clarence Monday, City Manager; Leon Towarnicki, Asst. City Manager; Brenda Prillaman, Wayne Knox, Eric Monday, Mike Rogers, Jay Stout, Kenneth Draper, Ted Anderson and Andy Powers. Mayor Adkins thanked the church for hosting the meeting and Rev. Mike Hatfield gave the invocation.

Wayne Knox briefed Council on the updated projects list. On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Gene Teague, with a 4-0 vote (Reynolds absent), Council approved the following project list and authorized the City Manager to provide this information to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration:

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY							
PRIORITY PROJECTS							
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012							
<i>PROJECT</i>	<i>PRIORITY</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>FUNDING SOURCE</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</i>	<i>NO. OF JOBS</i>
Revitalization of Uptown Business District in Martinsville, VA							
	1	Incentivize small businesses (interior makeovers/elevator)	EDA	\$500,000	\$500,000	positive	80
	1	Rental Voucher Program	EDA/HUD	\$300,000	\$300,000	N/A	Indirect
	1	Construct/Revolvt. Condo Units in Uptown	EDA	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	15
			DHCD	\$300,000			
			Tobacco	\$500,000			
			City	\$200,000			
	1	Harvest Foundation Grant - Uptown/Corridors/Trial/Wayfinding/Assessments	Harvest	\$654,957	\$654,957	positive	Indirect
	1	CDBG for Fayette/Courthouse Area, NCI	CDBG	\$691,325	\$691,325	positive	100+
	1	Inkind - Property Owners/Matching	Inkind	\$202,255			
	1	Rehab building to become central transit/ storage/parking facility, purchase lots adjacent to it	Appropriation	\$750,000	\$1,800,000	Positive	50
	1	LFDA recommendations - soften corridors around gateways into City - Public Works \$100K/yr for 2 years	EDA	\$250,000			
	1	EDA \$20,000	EDA	\$20,000	\$20,000	positive	Indirect
	1	Rehab former Social Svc - Church St. to retail again and NCI admin / housing	EDA	\$100,000	\$20,000	positive	5
			Tobacco	\$100,000			
	1	"Green in" Walnut Street to provide a publicspace for NCI Students, workers, etc.	EDA	\$250,000	\$500,000	Positive	
			Tobacco	\$250,000			
Community Development Projects - Martinsville Area & CDBG							
	1	Purchase blighted properties, prepare sites for developers [Draper /614 W. Church St./NCI]	Brownfield	\$400,000	\$825,000	Assess 1st	100/Indirect
			EDA	\$325,000			
			City	\$100,000			
	3	Forgivable loan for historic property to rehab and reuse for the Orange & White Building	EDA	\$500,000	\$500,000	N/A	50
		Additional rehab for courthouse annex	Tobacco	\$200,000	\$200,000	Positive	
	1	Rehab building Uptown - for mix use	Tobacco	\$200,000	\$200,000	Positive	1/Indirect
	1	Rives Road Site Development - full site dev. Including A&E site grading	EDA	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	Positive	400
	1	Further dev. 20-acre lots at Clearview Business Park to prepare for companies - Parcel number 2 & Parcel number 5	EDA	\$750,000	\$750,000	Positive	200+
	2	Upgrade electrical capacity at Clearview	EDA	\$100,000	\$100,000	Positive	25
	2	Complete brownfield sites- Sara Lee / American Furniture, West End Center, A&E - grading, make build ready.	EDA	\$300,000	\$3,500,000	Positive	300
			Brownfield	\$500,000	\$100,000		
	1	Adaptive Reuse of historic building on Fayette Street - Paradise Inn	VHDA	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	positive	100
			EDA	\$800,000			
			Tobacco	\$200,000			
			EDA	\$100,000	\$100K	Positive	200
Clean Energy Encouragement Uptown Martinsville							
	1	Recruit manufacturers of Clean Energy Components to Martinsville area and enterprise zone	EDA	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	Indirect
	1	Retrofit city hall and schools in Martinsville to accommodate energy efficient products -Phase 2	EDA	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	Positive	Indirect
City of Martinsville - Teleworks Center							
	2	Rehabilitation of closed building once used by textile/ tobacco industry to serve as multi-employer telecommunications center, accommodating employees of businesses and state government agencies based in northern and eastern Virginia - Sara Lee and American Furniture buildings	EDA	\$1,500,000	\$2,450,000	Positive	250
			City	\$250,000			
			CDBG	\$700,000			
Broadband Planning Grant							
	1	Installation of broadband	EDA	\$500,000	\$500,000	Positive	Indirect
Smart Grid							
	1	Smart Grid - advanced metering infrastructure installation that will enable automated meter reading, load management, and distributed generation capabilities.	EDA	\$7,250,000	\$14,500,000	Positive	
				\$7,250,000			
Fiber - to - the - Home							
	1	Extension of Net Martinsville fiber to two pilot project neighborhoods enabling ultra-high speed bandwidth connections to as many as 2,000 households to support home - based businesses.	EDA	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000	Positive	
			Local	\$1,250,000			

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Mayor Adkins asked Andy Powers, Property Maintenance Inspector, to give a property maintenance update and review current citizen concerns addressed during the Council tour of the northside neighborhood. He also briefed Council on the demolitions planned. Mayor Adkins opened the floor for public comment. Council Member Teague reported a citizen concern he received regarding motorboats not being allowed at the reservoir and City Manager Clarence Monday explained that the motors increase the risk of water contamination from oil and gas and the issue will be looked at. There was discussion on the upcoming city budget and inquiries as to raises for employees and the change in the VRS contribution as well as discussion regarding deer. There being no further comment, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Clarence Monday
Clerk of Council

Kim E. Adkins
Mayor