

Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Joel Lanken
CC: Mike Williams, Eddie Robinson, Jack Kirksey, David Cowell, Tonya Tripp, Bill Robertson & Staff
Date: 9/30/2013
Re: Minutes Depilated Commercial Property Project, March 28, 2012

Participants:

City Attorney Mike Williams,
City Manager Joel Lanken,
Public Works Superintendent Eddie Robinson,
Code Enforcement Officer, Jack Kirksey,
Urban Planner, Bill Roberston,
Police Chief, David Cowell,
City Treasurer, Tonya Tripp.

The parties met on March 28, 2012 at 10:30 AM to discuss the above captioned subject.

The objective of today's meeting was to discuss on going efforts to communicate with owners of abandoned commercial property and develop dialogue to overcome the present status of economic development in the city.

It was reported by Jack Kirksey that 17 owners of abandoned commercial property were sent letters in compliance with the recently adopted Vacant Property Registry Ordinance.

Bob Johnston, an Urban Planner was helpful in identifying a host of avenues by which a number of stake holders could join the discussion. A copy of Bob's excellent

position paper is attached for easy review. It is hopeful that he will be able to present his thoughts to the City Council during its next workshop meeting on April 26, 2012.

Joel Lanken advised that his contacts with Ryder System and CSX both fortune 500 transportation / logistics companies were informed as to Lake City's unique characteristics as a foundation for the companies to look at this area as a possible base of operations. Discussions continue in that regard.

He also stated that in keeping with creating synergy between the City of Forest Park and the City of Morrow, both of their City Managers will be attending the next Committee Meeting on April 25th.

Mike Williams presented various thoughts regarding the methods used by College Park to obtain Federal Grants and other techniques in the pursuit of economic development in that City.

It was agreed that this Committee will next meet 30 days hence at 10:30 AM on April 25, 2012.

The meeting ended at 12:05 PM