

March 23, 2023  
Red Bridge Park

Attendees: Jacob Everette, Steve Smith, Joe Cox, Sarah Buckner, Dagny Zupin Craig Bowen

Jacob Everette called the meeting to order at 6:03

Group introduced themselves to Craig, Craig is sitting in on a meeting as a potential board member looking to learn more about what the board does and the commitment. Joe Cox shared background on EDC's inception, mission and past work.

Joe Cox provides council update: Water capacity is at a critical point. Wastewater treatment plant and location of water should take about 2 years. Council is looking at 3 possible locations to find water.

Purchase of new ambulance approved, half a million dollar project that will likely be on a 7 year rotation. The firetruck needs a new ladder truck and a second firestation is needed, likely somewhere out to the west of town. This affects the commercial rating system, a better score on this rating makes developers more likely to come to town. Water supply and public safety are a critical portion of that rating system.

Westfield has annexed the first land plot toward the north of Westfield.

Parking study is on hold due to thoroughfare study as the results of thoroughfare could make the parking study findings a moot point.

The mixed use development is moving forward internally as council has conversations about acquisitions. Because it is only moving forward internally with council, the EDC committee is not able to move forward.

Steve Smith asked about the drainage project moving forward with county ARPA funds. Joe is working with Frank and the county to seek clarification on that funding process.

The next EDC meeting will be Tuesday May 9

Sarah Buckner moves to approve January and February minutes as presented. Dagny Zupin seconds, The motion passes. The meeting was adjourned by Jacob Everette at 6:45 p.m.