

## **Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 29, 2026**

**Meeting Called to Order @ 7:30AM**

**Attendees:** Alayna Hoop, John Carr, Robert Knisley, Corey Schoonover, Larry Ailes, Drew Miller, Stephanie Bosco, Don McDaniel, Carrie Woody, Chas Carter, Michelle McCrady, Amanda Everitt, Michael Wing, Tami Gunther, Kate Smiley, Amie Cohen

### **Departmental Updates:**

#### **Economic Development Department:**

- Econ 101 Presentation
  - What is the Port Authority
  - Reviewed Economic Landscape
    - Housing
    - Industry
- Arbor Homes Presentation – Drew Miller
  - Low \$200K homes - \$256K average after upgrades
  - Mix of 40ft and 50ft lots
  - 40% will be first time buyers
  - Will plant 1,000 Trees
  - Will have HOAs
  - Turn lanes into development and Rainbow
  - Have increased buffer from houses on Rainbow, now 80ft from back of rainbow yard to back of new houses.

#### **Community Development Department:**

- Explained background of department for new council members
  - CBDG – Receive approx \$500K/year
  - CHIP Grant – Receive from the State and used to rehab entire homes
  - HHP – Receive from HUD for items such as radon and hand rails
- See two attachments

#### **Lancaster Fairfield Chamber of Commerce:**

- State of the City – Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> SOLD OUT
- YPFC Lunch & Learn – Feb 25<sup>th</sup>
- Fairfield County Safety Fair – March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- YPFC Work/Life - March 19<sup>th</sup>
- State of the Schools – March 26<sup>th</sup>

- Registration for our events can be found on our event page <https://business.lancoc.org/events>

**Visit Fairfield County:**

- <https://visitfairfieldcounty.org/>

**Destination Downtown Lancaster:**

- Shumaker Building – Urban Restoration
  - 2 Floor of luxury apartments – Ready in Spring
  - Office space 1<sup>st</sup> floor
  - AirBNBs
- Winter Brewfest – February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Chocolate Walk – April 10<sup>th</sup>
- <https://www.destinationdowntownlancaster.com/>

**New Business: None**

**Old Business: None**

**Adjournment: 9:10**

**Next Meeting: April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30AM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Alayna Hoop, Committee Chair