

Energy and Sustainability Task Force Meeting minutes, August 2019.

Attendees: Lyle Kreisel, Phil Miller, Casey Lund, Steve Fox, Scott Holmberg, Steve Mohler, Harold Steward

Guest: Sara Lawson Warrensburg Daily Star Journal, Suzanne Taylor Executive Director Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, Jill Purvis, Executive Director Warrensburg Main Street, Tracy Brantner Executive Director, Johnson County Economic Development.

Approval of minutes. Motion Steve Fox, Second Scott. Approved

Phil opened with a brief overview of the PACE ordinance first reading and opened the discussion to the Task Force and guest about how to market PACE to the business and commercial organizations.

The leaders of Warrensburg Main Street, Warrensburg Chamber and Johnson County Economic Development were invited to the meeting to facilitate education about PACE availability. These organizations interact widely with the business community.

It was brought up that it would be good to add PACE as a tool for recruitment and expansion in our business communications. Sometimes several tools such as PACE can be combined with opportunity zones or other incentives to make a location more attractive to a business.

Questions such as minimum loan size and interest rates developed. Tracy Brantner was most knowledgeable about lending practices. She communicated that while the PACE program may not require a minimum loan that in her experience lenders have in the past.

A question also arose to determine if there were any local lenders that participated. The thinking was that local lenders may be more open to smaller loans.

From the discussion it was determined that Tracy would use the current Daily Star Journal building on Market as an example to show the positive potential of PACE and other tools on a property.

It was determined to do a press release and radio show on KOKO after the second reading and assumed passing of the PACE Ordinance.

Actions:

Phil will draft the press release.

Casey represent on the radio show.

Steve Fox will speak with Jerry Franklyn as a commercial realtor to learn how to get the information to realtors

Tracy is setting up a conference call with the PACE representatives to gain clarity on questions such as loan size, process a commercial business would need to follow, if a multifamily project is considered commercial and what Fees would apply.

Next meeting: September 12, 2019.