

Notes from Meeting of 10/18/16 (Amended)

Connect Communities/First Impressions Committee

The Committee met at the Coffeehouse at Pine and Chestnut on October 18, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to get further updates on participation in the First Impressions and Connect Communities programs.

Tom Lebak mentioned that he had spoken with Kristin Runge of the University of Wisconsin-Extension regarding her efforts to find a community with whom Burlington can partner for the First Impressions program. Ms. Runge felt that it would take another 2-3 weeks to find a suitable match.

Tom Lebak also reported that he had spoken with Tina Chitwood of RCEDC regarding the suggestion from Ms. Runge that Tina would be a possible point person for the assemblage of data and doing the report from the trip to our match community. Tina mentioned that she would not be able to do it. Mr. Lebak said that he passed that information on to Ms. Runge. She mentioned that the primary task of the person is the final report and that one of the group could do it.

Tom Lebak also mentioned that he and Chamber President Dave Kmetz have been having some difficulty in obtaining the Connect Communities application with the November 18th deadline looming. Mr. Lebak said that he would continue to pursue the application form and completion. Rose Dolatowski indicated that she believed that the Village of East Troy was a Connect Communities participant and that she would work to get a copy of the form in that manner.

(Further note: We have since learned that the WEDC application that appears to be only for small business loans also is to be used for the Connect Communities submittal.)

Tom Lebak mentioned that he would not be at the Committee's next meeting scheduled for November 15th due to his surgery that day.

Submitted by Tom Lebak