



TOWN OF KILMARNOCK
Council Committee Notes –Economic Development

Date: February 14, 2012 **Time:** 4:00 PM **Location:** Town Hall

Town Council Member Attendees:

X = present

Chair: Vice Mayor William Smith _X_
Mayor Raymond Booth
Council Member Mae Umphlett _X_

Town Staff Attendees:

Town Manager Tom Saunders _X_
Asst. TM Susan Cockrell _X_

Visitors: None

Notes on Discussions:

1. The committee reviewed the status of any new\exiting businesses.
2. TM Saunders shared additional information on HUB Zone redesignation developments following a conference call with Senator Warner’s staff. The changes to HUB Zones have been in effect for some time although the communications from the Small Business Administration could be characterized as “poor” resulting in the feeling of surprise at areas and businesses being redesignated. On a positive note, the Kilmarnock businesses that market services as part of Lancaster County’s HUB Zone do not believe this change will have major impact or suggest a relocation.
3. The committee continued its discussions on approaches for engaging our business and citizen communities. Discussions included current activities between Lancaster by the Bay Chamber with RCC-Kilmarnock, a new “breakfast roundtable” discussion group and ways for the Town to partner within the business community.
4. Preview of trolley operations for 2013 and 2014 was given. Bay Transit in seeking new equipment and requests a commitment for continuing operations. This was recommended to be included in the FY 13 & FY 14 budgets.

FYI Only:

Recommendations to Council:

Action item(s):

1. **Recommend that trolley operations be continued and included in the FY 13 & FY 14 budgets.**

Recommended for further study: