



Town of Kilmarnock

Council Committee Notes – Economic Development

Date: February 9, 2010 **Time:** 3 PM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember Rebecca Nunn
Attendees: Councilmembers Rebecca Nunn and Howard Straughan, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Community Development Strategist Susan Cockrell

Visitors: Mr. Bill Blocher

Notes on Discussions:

1. The Committee discussed the opening of the Kilmarnock Entertainment Center the night before and the many positive things it brings to the town and the area. The Committee congratulates Shawn Donahue and his family and business team and wishes them much success.
2. TM Saunders passed around a brochure from the proposed “Bluff Point” development that was unveiled Monday night (2/8/2010) at a public meeting in Heathsville. If approved it will be about two miles from the town boundaries and at build out will require a traffic light at the corner of Bluff Point Road and Rt 200 at the edge of town.
3. Councilmember Nunn discussed the concept of “micropolitan” environments and the possible implications for Kilmarnock if it were to pursue such a designation.
4. Mr. William Blocher of eFedBudget Corporation spoke to the Committee about his desire to move his business to the Town. His firm provides financial and human resource management services to businesses and government agencies. He is asking for a clear ruling on his BPOL classification and tax rate before making a final decision. TM Saunders promised that he would look into it right away and give Mr. Blocher a decision before the end of the week.
5. The Committee asked Staff to prepare a “Welcome to Kilmarnock” package for new residents moving into town. Anyone who opens a new water account should get one.
6. **Recommendations to Council:**
None at this time.

Recommended for further study:

The possibility of providing tax credits for businesses that renovate or otherwise improve vacant buildings in the commercial district.