

Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Below is a report on how the RDC did for 2016 and its goals for 2017. The RDC thanks you for your support and hopes this report meets with your approval.

2016 Goals for RDC

1. Continue the work on the Greenway. Support and have public meetings and keep the process moving along.
2. Assist with St Francis Hospital area should a resolution come about.
3. Continue work on sign grants for Main Street.
4. Create a grant program to help business operating inside the City of Beech Grove and new businesses wanting to move to Beech Grove.
5. Implement a Better Beech Grove work shop to foster ideas and more community involvement in the RDC and projects.

2016 Results for the RDC

Hits

1. The RDC was able to help Beech Grove City Schools, in the amount of 50K. The money was used to help build an exit road from Hornet Park and the high school that leads out to South Butler Ave. This was important, as it was a safety measure. This eases traffic concerns of the school and improved flow.
2. The RDC also continued to fund and help win the greenway grant. We sent a letter of support, with the submission package. The RDC also funded the prepping of that package. The RDC has also voted to cover up to 30,000.00 in the final quarter of 2016, to get an early start on the environmental impact report. The goal is to get ahead of the project start date. The RDC hopes that by doing this, if a project drops out, ours could be moved up.
3. The RDC wanted to be cautious in spending in 2016, as the RDC was waiting for a resolution on St Francis. The RDC will finish the year with around 170,000.00 dollars in the bank. We should have revenues after paying the bonds of around 190,000.00 dollars for 2017. This puts the total available revenue at around 360,000.00 dollars. This is important as the community is still waiting on resolution of St Francis.
4. The RDC was able to refinance its debt and lower the costs of that debt. The savings to taxpayers will be around a 124K or 4.64%.

Misses.

1. The signage on Main Street has been a goal for a few years now. We have been stalled in our quest to help, by a few issues. Those issues include the following.
 - Waiting on resolution of signage ordinances. The members felt it was wise to wait until Marion County has the new ordinances in place before proceeding.
2. Lack of resources. Having no support staff and being all volunteer, has been a limiting factor in follow up and moving the project along. We also looked at creating grants for businesses in Beech Grove and how we could affect those businesses. It is still an ongoing process and limited resources have stalled this project as well. It is hoped that the Group Next Stop Beech Grove can be a catalyst, in future years to move this forward.
3. Failed to hold a workshop. The RDC would still like to hold a workshop of the different city agencies and business groups to build consensus on what is needed in Beech Grove. Lack of resources again was a limiting factor in accomplishing this task.

2017 Goals for RDC

1. To work with the City of Beech Grove and helping fund the 2017 RDC portion of the greenway and insuring its success.
2. To stay involved with Next Stop Beech Grove and that groups development. To seek opportunities to help with their development.
3. To work with Beech Grove Schools, if there is a project that helps the community or is needed for training or safety of students.
4. To have a workshop and discuss and foster ideas to improve government/ business interaction.