

I have tentatively set up a community meeting for May 20, 2016 to get input from the North Peoria TIF residents and business owners and to also update them on the status of the potential TIF projects.

It is our desire to have a comprehensive list of projects from the community to be acted on later this summer. This would include the proposals for lighting on Peoria, tennis court improvements and a jogging trail around the park. We are soliciting other ideas for inclusion.

I have been meeting with A.J. Azar concerning a comprehensive advertising plan for the business in the Pine and Peoria area. The proposed plan would include fixed billboards north and south of the shopping center on Highway 75 and also utilize the city wide network of electronic billboards. Mr. Azar has been informed that any plan would have to be approved by TDA and then advertised and bid before it could be implemented. He should have a plan and budget to present by early June, 2016.

I will also be meeting with Claud Neon about the possibility of purchasing a sign to be installed at the Shoppes on Peoria site, advertising local businesses. The sign could be neon, or use other technology including possibly, a digital display. Future meetings will be scheduled between the business tenants, TEDC and other interested parties.

A follow up meeting was held with Jerod Widemon of the Joe Louis Homeowner's Association. They are wanting to explore replacing a small number existing lights in the neighborhood with new, high efficiency lights using TIF funds. They also want to see if funds can be used to pay for "Neighborhood Watch" signs and possibly dummy closed circuit cameras.

We are beginning to get more interest from potential businesses and community groups and hope to continue to look at possibilities to utilize the North Peoria TIF funds to improve the targeted community.



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