Economic Vitality Committee
Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2026
8 a.m.
Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/98017699516
(Over for additional Zoom info)

The agenda has been revised to reflect the correct year in the heading.

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting - info in header above and over

Welcome

Agenda

Minutes (December 2025)

Public comments

Updates on Master Plan

- Updates:
  - Mobility Center
  - 120 S. Governor's Ave. status
  - Streetscape & water/wastewater infrastructure

Updates from working groups

1. Critical Improvements Program (CIP)

   Anne Marie Townsend (The Rossi Group) is working with all the candidates.
   Third round underway, applications/reviewed have been received for projects.

   Update:

   Note: The following figures are approximate, pending final information from applicants, etc., and final recommendations from Critical Improvements Working Group.

   1. De-obligated – ($755,341)
   2. Existing obligations – $ 496,900
   3. New applications - $745,000
   4. Previously awarded $444,244.85

2. Site Readiness Updates N/A

3. Unlock the Block Updates – On hold at present. Revisit new fiscal year (2027)
   1. REAP (Retention Expansion Assistance Program)
   2. Recruitment strategies/incentives – new program

Other business

Adjournment

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Next scheduled meeting – May 20, 2026 at 8 a.m. via Zoom

Agenda items as listed may not be considered in sequence. Pursuant to 29 DEL. C. 10004(e)(2), this agenda is subject to change to include the addition or deletion of items, including executive sessions, which arise at the time of the meeting.

Diane Laird is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DDP Economic Vitality Meeting

Monthly, third Wednesday, 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Wed, until Jun 18, 2025, 6 occurrence(s)

Changed occurrence(s):

Jan 15, 2025 08:00 AM (updated)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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Economic Vitality Committee Meeting
December 17, 2025
Zoom at 8:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Rick Ferrell, Evie Zerefos, John Van Gorp, Mike Glick, Jessica Jackson, Dave Hugg, Diane Laird, Ken Anderson

Agenda – John Van Gorp motioned to accept the agenda. Evie Zerefos seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved to accept the agenda.

Minutes – John Van Gorp motioned to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Evie Zerefos seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved to accept the minutes.

Public Comments – None

Master Plan Update:

Ken provided updates on the Mobility Center (DDMC) project:

- EDiS has established an on-site office.
- EDiS is currently working with the City of Dover to move water lines.
- EPA Phase II is happening within the DDMC footprint. The results of which will determine whether more remediation will be needed.

Working Groups Updates:

1. Rick provided updates on current Critical Improvements Program (CIP) projects:
    - Anne Marie Townsend is working with all the candidates.
    - 211 W. Loockerman St., 8 W. Loockerman St., and 321 W. Loockerman St. projects are all due to submit updates.
    - 9 E. Loockerman St. (ADA bathroom) and Kim Adams' (300 block of Loockerman St.) projects are ongoing.
    - Carter's restaurant and Penny Marshall are not moving forward with their planned projects.
    - 1 W. Loockerman St. project has fallen through.
    - The Old Post is at the end phase of Site Plan Development. The number of apartments that will be built has increased from 30 to 40. A groundbreaking is expected in 2026.
    - Diane is planning to re-open applications for new projects.

2. Unlock the Block –
    - Rick noted that both REAP (Retention/Expansion Assistance Program) and Choose Dover (Recruitment Incentive Program) are ready to go.

Other Business:

Diane provided an update on the upcoming WinterFest Downtown Dover festival on January 16 & 17. Event programming will be 4-6 pm on Friday and 1-4 pm on Saturday.

There will be a $25 Yiftee eGift Card giveaway on both days. People must take a photo at the event and post it on social media, tagging DDP.

Meeting adjourned - Evie Zerefos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Hugg seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 am.

Next Meeting – January 21st at 8:30 am via Zoom. *Note: This meeting was subsequently cancelled.*

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