**Westerville Area Chamber office 99 Commerce Park Dr. 43082**

**Agenda Tuesday, February 7, 2022, 3:30-4:30 PM**

Attendees: Jeff Akers, Amy Balster, Dennis Blair, Laura Hartman, Gene Hollins, Charlene Kott, Brandon Lawson, Michael McGreevy. Staff member: Janet Tressler-Davis

Thank you to Cheesecake Connection Bakery – Please call them at 614-983-0043 for orders.

1. Welcome & Introductions – Jeff Akers

2. Members of teams

* Healthcare – Andy H. – No Update
* Taxation/Worker’s Comp. Brandon/Charlene – No Update
* Workforce: WorkWISE- John Kellogg/Janet/Gene
  + Senate Bill 1: There was a discussion on how SB1 may affect K-12 education. The bill is listed here: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/sb1>.
* Westerville Prepared: Planning is underway for the second annual event that allows K-12 students access to many resources for job & career opportunities in many different areas. Look for an announcement soon.
* City Announcement: Ordinance 2023-03 “To Authorize an Agreement and to Appropriate Funds Necessary for the Acquisition and Maintenance by the Westerville Industry and Commerce Corporation of Approximately 88.5 Acres of Real Property Bounded Generally by Africa Road, Polaris Parkway, N. State Street and County Line Road, All in Support of Economic Development and Job Creation Within the City, and to Declare an Emergency"
* Westerville City is doing another community survey with Boyette. Boyette will attend the March or April BAC.

3. Local Election Year

* Election Academy – 3 Thursday evenings in June (Laura and Brandon offered to help)
  + June 1st and June 8th at the RIA Room. June 22nd for the third session.
  + Skip June 14th
  + Graduation on June 29th
* Candidate Forums – City Council and Board of Education Sept/Oct. (Gene, Jeff, and Laura offered to help)
  + Some options for moderator: Andy Chow, Jo Ingles, Rick Carfagna
  + Looking for volunteers to help run the Council and Board
* Sponsors are needed for both of these programs.

4. Future Meeting Topics

* State Budget – this topic is of interest, but may be delayed until official.
* Legislative Roundtable – planning for some time around April or May
* COTA Update with Patrick Harris
* Rachel Ray, Economic Development
* Carolyn Thurman, Planning and Zoning
* Housing Study
* Intel Semi-Conductor Plant and infrastructure challenges

5. Please join us at Renaissance Polaris/Westerville for Speed Networking. Cost $20 & appetizers are provided.

6. Upcoming Meetings: March 7 and April 4 (Boyette will attend as part of the community survey)

7. Adjourn: 4:31 PM