

**City of Jennings**  
**Business Watch Meeting Minutes**  
August 19, 2022-11:00 a.m.  
8720 Jennings Station Road  
Jennings, MO 63136

ATTENDEES

The Honorable Mayor	Yolanda Austin
Kellie Shelton	Economic Development Coordinator
Myra Randle	Economic Development Specialist
Verna Charles	Mayor Administrative Assistant
Jane Brown	Councilwoman Ward 2
Terry Wilson	Councilman Ward 2
Willie Brandon	Director of Parks and Recreation
Lt. Luis Perez	St. Louis County Police Department
Lola Nash	Chairperson Jennings Senior Commission
Nyran Bucannan	Owner This That & The Other Resale Shop
Chris Davis	Branch Manager St. Louis Community Credit Union
Robert Parson	Deacon People United for Christ Church
Tony Francis	CEO CT Executive Group LLC
Tenesia Brown	Keys Realty Group (KRG)
LaQuana Johnson	Gourmet Streets Eats
Michelle	Senior Pastor Christ Community United Methodist Church
Stacie James	Local Taxpayer Advocate (IRS) St. Louis, Missouri
Rita Dawson	Family Pre-Need Councilor
Steve Pokorny	Owner STS Car Care & Towing
Irvetta Williams	Owners Rep and Construction Manager for Jennings
Robert Parson	United Church
Karen Harvey	New Northside Church
Kelvin Baucom	Baucom Life Celebration & Cremation Center
Shrylene Langston	Baucom Life Celebration & Cremation Center
Byron Price	Branch Manager Chase Bank
Nicholas Johnson	Construction
Wendy Anderson	Womack Barber & Beauty Style
Cory Hunter	Cory's Auto Works
Kalen Hodgest	Spaces Development
Karen Kizeart	St. Louis Community Credit Union
Edgar Jones	Assistant to Pastor Trevor Barnes
Carmen	Regions Bank
Jamie	Farmers Market
Turia	
Oasis	
William Wooten	

Meeting called to order at 11:00 A.M.

Introductions were made by the Honorable Mayor Yolanda Austin. Mayor Austin asked each attendee to introduce themselves.

**Tenesia Brown – Key Realty Group (KRG)**

*Homeownership and Overcoming Barriers.*

Keys Realty Group is new to St. Louis since February 2022. Key Realty Group is a community-based realty group from Kansas City. Their focus is on homeownership, education, and resources in the urban core. We realized that information falls short in these neighborhoods. The goal is to bridge the gap in homeownership in the urban core of black and brown communities. KRG is connected to a lot of resources and community partners which makes them different than most other real estate companies.

Keys Realty Group has a non-profit organization - Perfect Productions. The non-profit organization holds educational events in the urban community to educate the community by bridging the gap to help bring wealth to the urban community. For more information contact Tenesia Brown at (314) 469-5350

**Kellie Shelton – Economic Development Coordinator City of Jennings.**

*Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Application Process.*

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) is a relief fund that was created in response to the economic impact that Covid had on the United States. City of Jennings is expected to receive \$2.9 million dollars of these funds. As of today, City of Jennings has received half of these funds. Ms. Shelton went over the uses of the ARPA funds for households, small business, and non-profit organizations. Ms. Shelton also elaborated on the application qualifications, guidelines, and what is needed to process the applications. Applications were made available at the Business Watch Meeting. Contact Kellie Shelton at (314) 388-1164 if you have questions.

**St. Louis County Police Department**

Community Crime Lead Portal

Lt. Luis Perez: To improve communication with businesses and residents we have established a Community Crime Lead Portal. It is an awesome program that has been in effect for a few weeks. If there is a non-emergency problem, you feel needs to be reported you can go to the portal and submit the issue anonymously or you can leave an email address. The officers will receive the report within 24 hours. This program is not designed to take the place of 911. The portal can be used from most electronic devices. Contact the Jennings Police Department if anyone needs more information at (314) 385-4672.

**The Honorable Mayor Yolanda Austin**

Mayor Austin: The Mayor spoke extensively regarding the ARPA funds encouraging businesses and residents to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Jennings Newsletter will be coming out in a few weeks. Remember to check the City of Jennings website ([www.cityofjennings.org](http://www.cityofjennings.org)) to make sure that your business is listed with the correct information. On the corner of Jennings Station Road and Ada Wortley you will see the

New Kentucky Fried Chicken which will open soon. A new Jennings City Hall and Recreation Center will be coming soon on Ada Wortley and Cozens. It will take about 15 months to complete the new building.

The Kiwanis Club of Jennings-MO is holding its Fishing Derby Koeneman Park located on Lucas & Hunt Road, Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., registration begins at 7:00 am. This is a free fun event with prizes and trophies awarded. This event is for ages 15 and under accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Susan at (314) 402-0778.

Oasis is partnering with New Northside Family Life Center at 5939 Goodfellow Blvd., on October 28, 2022, for a Falls Prevention Event. There will be healthcare workers to help with the event.

Lunch was provided.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.