

City awarded grant to market Commerce Park

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Crawfordsville was awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS (MIBOR) to go toward marketing the Commerce Park.

The official announcement took place at Tuesday's meeting of Montgomery County REALTORS. Crawfordsville Mayor Charlie Coons, Redevelopment Commission member Robin Pebworth, and Linda Williamson were on hand to talk about the Park.

"The grant is huge for the Commerce Park," Coons said. "MIBOR and the local Realtors are a big part of what we are trying to do.

"Every little bit toward the park helps and it energizes everyone in

the process."

Coons said there is a potential tenant looking to move into the Commerce Park.

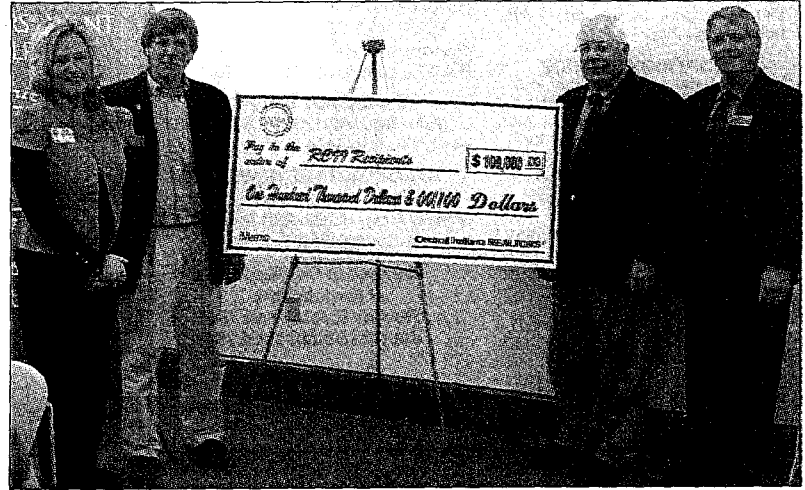
"The potential tenant has narrowed its choice down to Crawfordsville and Danville," he said. "Hopefully, they choose Crawfordsville and we can have some very positive news about the park here soon."

Williamson, who was hired by the Redevelopment Commission to help market the Commerce Park, said Realtors are an important part of the Park's marketing.

"Realtors are the first point of contact with the community which makes you so important," she told the crowd.

Williamson added that the

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MAYOR CHARLIE COONS (right), Robin Pebworth (second from right), Steve Zachary (second from left), and Leslie Pyle stand with a check representing the amount of money awarded through 13 grants by MIBOR.

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Pebworth only had one thing to say after answering a question and it was that he was confident someone will be in the Commerce Park soon.

"There is a good chance that whoever moves into the Commerce Park, when they do, will be bringing in people to work there, too," he said. "Those people will need a place to live and this is where the Realtors of Montgomery County come into play because they are selling more than just a house. You are also selling Crawfordsville as a

great place to live."

Brienne Delaney was on hand as the MIBOR representative giving information on the grant and why Crawfordsville was chosen.

"This is the second year I have come to Crawfordsville to give this grant and I am glad to be back and thank everyone for everything they are doing here," she said. "The grant review committee recognized the good work that is taking place here in Crawfordsville which is why we are happy to give this grant."

The grant is one of 13 awarded

by MIBOR through the REALTOR Community Investment Initiative totaling \$100,000.

Last year, Montgomery County Economic Development was awarded an \$11,000 grant from MIBOR.

The grants are given to organizations involved with community or economic development with the community's quality of life being the top priority.

There were 45 applicants for this year's grant money. The program started in 2006 and the grants are awarded yearly.