

MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
November 27, 2017

Present: Kjell Erlandsson; Fran Martin, Marla Wishau, Lee Wishau, Dave Gobis, Jim Dobbs, Bill Streeter

Absent:

Also Present: Martha Hutsick - Douglas Avenue Business District, Howard Stacey, Christina Lieffring-Journal Times

1. Meeting was called to by Fran Martin at 5:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall meeting room.
2. Approval of Minutes from October 22. Motion to approve Lee Wishau; Second by Bill Streeter. Motion Carried.
3. Current status of Western Publishing and Former Olympia Brown Building. Jim Dobbs reported a potential purchase for the Western Publishing building. Jim will meet with them to update. Jim shared his goal to shore up ordinances regarding blighted properties. He joins the CDA committees hope to secure sound policies and ordinances backed by enforcement to remove blighted areas.
4. Update on Douglas Avenue median. We have cost for one of the suggested DOT solutions to the solid median, we need to get the other estimated. Tom/Tony should call DOT to get an update on the 5 year plan to see if there is anything planned for Douglas Avenue. Marla pointed out the long range plan for the area east of the median is to allow a road to more Parkview Apartments and have access to the Chiro building from that road. Talk to Tony about that. Let a little time pass so the new Road Engineer can get familiar with Caledonia. He might have ideas of his own for a solution. Martha Hutsick can update the businesses affected that we are still searching out solutions.
5. Start reconciliation of the Land Use Plan and 2035 SEWRPC Plan. Howard Stacey was on the original committee that worked on the land use plan in the 1990s. He suggested that we pay particular attention to the ordinances. Much of the original Land Use Plan is outdated and obsolete. Updating is required. New regulations from the state regarding storm sewer will change the conservation subdivision requirements and possibly make them unnecessary. Detailed review of the 2035 plan and how it works with our ordinances should be completed. All improvements should be incorporated in the 2050 plan. Marla will take the lead in planning the reconciliation, starting in January 2018 and hopefully completed by June 2018 for board approval and incorporation into the 2050 plan.
6. Update on the development checklist was tabled for time issues.
7. The letter that should go to the Franksville Businesses was reviewed, modified and approved for mailing in January 2018 to all Franksville businesses. Marla will work from the list provided by Karie.
8. Discussion of the I94 corridor will be discussed after Fran and Jim attend I94 meeting to see what it is about.
9. Douglas Avenue Business Association Report: Nice and Positive event of Douglas Avenue business owners was held at the Village Hall. They elected a Treasurer to track the 2018 budget.
10. New Business – Jim Dobbs will see if there is money available from an idea for a study for Douglas Avenue improvements. Dave Gobis said the streets needed to be swept and wanted to know if the Village owned a street sweeper. The Village does not have a Vac-All, but has a sweeper. Dave Gobis also gathered information showing grants for education about the Emerald Ash Borer and discussed things the Village might do. This should be put on the next agenda for discussion. Dave also had photos on some of the worse blighted properties we need to address. This will remain on the agenda, and with the support of Jim Dobbs, we should have policy and enforcement to require these properties are cleaned up and don't reflect badly on the Village.
11. Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m. Motion made by Bill Streeter, Seconded by Lee Wishau. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Marla Wishau