

MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
May 22, 2019

Present: Kjell Erlandsson, Bill Streeter, Marla Wishau, Dave Gobis, Fran Martin(late)

Absent: Jeremy Hinds, Jim Dobbs

Also Present: Martha Hutsick – CDABA; Lee Wishau; Evan Casey – Journal Times

1. Meeting was called to order by Bill Streeter at 5:01 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall meeting room.
2. Motion made to approve minutes from April 24, 2019 CDA meeting by Dave Gobis, seconded by Kjell Erlandsson. Motion carried.
3. From Martha Hutsick reporting on the Caledonia Douglas Avenue Business Association:
They are very pleased that the beginning of the construction on Hwy 32 is going well. They have a business coordinator, Patrice Sebastian, who meets every week with Lance Fisher from the DOT, Payne and Dolan representatives, and Rachel Anderoli from DeVor Communications.

They are continuing with the flowerpot beautification program. They may have a business outside of the Douglas Avenue corridor who may be interested in joining the beautification program.

Marla Wishau made a motion asking the CDABA to create a policy for the flower pot program. It should specify the details of the program and associated costs. Also include a list of businesses who have pots and how many they have. If possible we would like this for the next meeting. Seconded by Dave Gobis. Motion Carried

4. The contract with Michaels Signs for drawings was signed and now we will be reviewing the drawings. We have a rough idea of the location but need to meet with WE in order to finalize the location. Marla will be following up.
5. Pete Wagner will be asked to attend the next CDA meeting to share his ideas of what ordinances need to be beefed up or added in order to address blight properties in Caledonia. Lee will meet with Tom Christensen to allow Pete to attend the next meeting. We want to make sure Pete has the ordinance binder Elaine Ekes created for our committee members, the current list of blight related ordinances that exist and some blighted properties that we don't think our current ordinances can clearly address. Some areas of concern are: Lawn Art, parking on grass for long periods of time, buildings with fire damage for more than a year, abandoned buildings with garbage and deterioration.

Marla is concerned that there is no "system" for processing blight complaints. There is no written policy, and different issues are assigned to different departments, with no central control (tickler file or data base). We would like to see a list of 2018 and 2019 complaints (if possible) and talk with Tom or his designee about documenting a process.

6. New Business:
 - a) Tom Christensen is asked to write a brief thank you note to the City of Racine for putting Caledonia Welcomes You on the back of their sign on Douglas Avenue and Three Mile Road.
 - b) Tom Lazcano is still reviewing the Single Family Residential checklist and it should be ready for Junes meeting.
 - c) CDABA will support any of the positive CLUE Study ideas. Lee did attend a meeting and reviewed it with them. We would like CDABA to be more specific about what they like. We should also look over the Clue Study and propose any ideas that might be implemented.
 - d) The traffic counts on Hwy 32 look to be up. The intersection of 4 Mile and Douglas is very busy. Possible for traffic counts after construction?
 - e) Who can push for Hwy 32 from 5 Mile to County Line Road being 4 lane? We need to open conversation.
 - f) Congestion on 4 Mile and Charles is backing up traffic to Chester Lane. Talk to County about options

Motion made to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. by Fran Martin, Seconded by Dave Gobis

Respectfully submitted by Marla Wishau