

MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
November 26, 2019

Present: Kjell Erlandsson, Marla Wishau, Dave Gobis, Fran Martin, Jeremy Hinds, Jim Dobbs

Also Present: Martha Hutsick – CDABA; Pete Wagner, Village of Caledonia Planner, Lee Wishau - Trustee

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Fran Martin at 4:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall west meeting room.
- 2) Motion made to approve minutes from October 23, 2019 CDA meeting by Dave Gobis, second by Kjell Erlandsson. Motion carried.
- 3) Blight- Pete Wagner provided a detailed update on the Village blight process
 - a) The first reading for the new ordinances have taken place, the 2nd reading will be in a week, and then the ordinance will be published and then the new “law”.
 - b) The Civic Software has been ordered. The hardware will be purchased after the software is received to make sure the proper hardware requirements are met and the new laptop is compatible with other office software.
 - c) A handout was prepared and passed out by Pete about November’s code enforcement. (Attached) there were 16 new cases in November, resulting in 61 open cases to date. Other information on handout was discussed.
 - d) Pete is looking into temporary signs and their enforcement. Most temporary signs never go down and a clearer ordinance would clarify the limitations of temporary signs.
- 4) From Martha Hutsick reporting on the Caledonia Douglas Avenue Business Association:
 - a) The CDABA hosted a thank you lunch for the construction workers on the Hwy 32 project.
 - b) For 2020, CDABA will be focusing on zoning issues, facades, and upgrading businesses on the Douglas Avenue Corridor.
 - c) Pete Wagner will appear at the January 14, 2020 CDABA meeting.
- 5) WE Energies Caledonia sign:
 - a) The lighting of the WE Energies property sign will be held off until spring, as more expensive winter rates apply to any work done until spring. There is ambient lighting in the area that lights the signs even without direct lighting.
 - b) Jim Dobbs reviewed the location that Marla and Bill looked at and thought the location was not the best use of the property. The area owned by the Village is too narrow and a better option might be to transfer/sell it to nearby property owners. Jim and Tom Christensen will work with the owners of the BP Station to see if they would allow us to put a sign on their property. This is better, as it is the right side of the road to put a sign for oncoming traffic.
 - c) Charles and 3 Mile – no action at this time
- 6) Land Use CDA subcommittee – Jeremy Hinds
 - a) The subcommittee has met twice (Jeremy, Fran and Lee Wishau).
 - b) Important that Caledonia properly and with an eye to detail, the zoning plan for the long term development that is adopted in the long term plan.
 - c) First priority is the I94 Corridor. The zoning should be refined and adopted with much detail.
 - d) Some of the land use plan from 2006 had good ideas and could be reviewed and updated and adopted in the 2050 plan
 - e) The state has no plans to widen the section of Hwy 32 from 6 mile to County line (then into Ryan)
- 7) Minute taking options – Lee Wishau
 - a) Lee wants to see a webinar and get some samples of process, and talk with users...hold to next meeting.
- 8) Lee attended the Zero Waste meeting and said it was a group of about 12 people. They are looking at education, and restraints like no Styrofoam carryouts, etc.
- 9) Kjell’s Treasurers report – next month
- 10) New Business. Discussion about cost/benefit of RCEDC
- 11) Motion made to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. by James Dobbs Seconded by Jeremy Hinds

Respectfully submitted by Marla Wishau