

Minutes from Community Development Authority
February 26, 2020

Present: James Dobbs, Kjell Erlandsson, Dave Gobis, William Streeter, Marla Wishau, Fran Martin
Also Present: Martha Hutsick – Caledonia Douglas Avenue Business Assn; Pete Wagner – Village Zoning and Planning Director; Lee Wishau – Village of Caledonia Trustee

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by William Streeter
2. Approval of CDA Minutes from Jan 22, 2020. Motion made by Fran Martin, seconded by Kjell Erlandsson. Motion Carried.
3. Pete Wagner updated the committee using the handout (attached). Pete said the department is addressing some of the worst issues. Staff is documenting the ongoing and new issues. Pete stressed the department is not being picky, and is only addressing flagrant offenses. One citizen has been saying he is harassed, but the attached photos show the concern of a vehicle on his property protruding into the street right of way. Fran will respond on behalf of the board to the citizen complaint made to all board members about this and other property maintenance issues.

Progress is being made and many issues will be settled by spring. Pete is still working on the new ordinances, they are in second draft. Sign differences throughout the ordinances still need to be addressed, then the new ordinances will be forwarded to the planning commission, where they might make changes, but Pete is still confident the board will be able to adopt the new ordinances by late spring.

Douglas Avenue and some private properties use temporary signs like permanent signs. These business owners will be contacted and options discussed.

The new software training is not until June 17, 2020. This is so slow a response, we asked that Tom call the company and discuss other options. If Tom is unavailable, Lee volunteered to talk with the software company.

4. Martha Hutsick gave the monthly report of the CDABA: The CDABA is revising their promotional brochure, restaurant guide, and beautification program flyer. They are also surveying members to see if they have suggestions for improvements or ideas for businesses which could come to the Douglas Avenue Corridor.
5. Land Use Planning Committee will have a March meeting. The priority is the I94 Corridor and zoning details to encourage certain types of businesses to Caledonia. The committee will need to determine the short and long term goals of the committee, as the 2050 plan has the more immediate need of reviewing zoning to make sure it is correct compared to the more lengthy process of determining the detail of the Village of Caledonia's land use plan.
6. Marla will reach out to the electrician and WE to schedule the lighting of the County Line and Douglas Avenue Sign. Marla found another location on 7 Mile Road and I94, on the hill on the northeast corner on state property near the gas station property line. We will have to see what the current construction does to the area and reevaluate at a later date. Marla will contact Elsa to see what is happening with the Charles and 3 Mile sign. Other locations are being evaluated for suitability on STH 38 south and north end, STH 31, CTH G and I94.
7. Lee is scheduling a test for a recording system for a board. Marla recorded this meeting with a tape recorder to see if that was an option for recording minutes.
8. Kjell, the treasurer, reported no activity for the month
9. No New Business
10. Motion to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. by Fran Martin. Seconded by Kjell Erlandsson. Motion Carried.

Prepared by Marla Wishau