

MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
September 25, 2017

Present: Kjell Erlandsson; Fran Martin, Marla Wishau, Bob Bradley, Lee Wishau, Dave Gobis

Absent: Bill Streeter

Also Present: Martha Hutsick for the Douglas Avenue Business District, Tom Karkow WRJN

1. Meeting was called to by Fran Martin at 5:0 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall meeting room.
2. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2017. Motion to approve Lee Wishau; Second by Dave Gobis. Motion Carried. Minutes from the special budget meeting of September 12 will be approved at the next meeting.
3. Franksville Business Group – Fran will take the lead to see if there is interest.. Martha will talk to Lori from the Douglas Avenue Business Group to see if she would be able to assist the Franksville Group with her computer expertise – i.e.: Restaurant Guide. Also work to get the restaurant guides on the Village website
4. Foxconn Impact – Once Foxconn is “solid” we will have discussion of possible impact to Caledonia. If Foxconn does develop in Racine County, there would be infrastructure and other development interests. Past Regional Development has shown Caledonia to share at 23.4% of approved development costs.
5. In the September 12 budget meeting, \$27,000 was the agreed upon amount to request from the board for 2017 budget. The breakdown was \$5,000 for both Douglas Avenue and Franksville business districts; \$8,000 for Village of Caledonia road signage; \$500 for blighted properties, and other miscellaneous like mailings and notifications; and \$7,500 for contingency- possible Foxconn development needs. Visioning a Greater Racine will be addressed in the board budget.
6. The Douglas Avenue median – by the next meeting Bob Bradley will have estimates for each of the two solutions the DOT provided to us. We can see if the businesses affected would be willing to contribute to the solution, as there is no DOT money available and they are not scheduled to address Douglas Avenue in Racine or Milwaukee counties for several years. Once we have the estimated costs, we can discuss a course of action.
7. Olympia Brown / Western Publishing vacancy concerns – After Western Publishing was inspected by Village inspectors, it was found to be in sound condition. The only requests made of the owners was to board up some areas that local youth had removed so they could enter and use the vacant building as a hang out. The owners told the Village the building was currently for sale, and would secure the building.
8. New Business – Fran went to Case High School to see the new Goal Oriented skill programs provided at that school. She was very impressed with the teachers, students and the programs’ success. Each of Unified high schools has different goal themes. Students are recommended by their teachers to attend certain programs. The teachers are also showing students soft skills, like communication, business etiquette, etc., and it really showed when Fran interacted with the students in the program. Racine business leaders were invited to see the progress of this program. This program is only beginning, and with its’ success, there can be more opportunity for involvement from the Village.
9. Meeting adjourned 6:06 p.m. Motion made by Marla Wishau, Seconded by Kjell Erlandsson. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Marla Wishau