

**MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**June 26, 2017**

Present: Kjell Erlandsson; Fran Martin, Bill Streeter, Marla Wishau, Bob Bradley

Excused: Lee Wishau , Dave Gobis

Also Present: Tony Bunkleman, Village of Caledonia Engineer, Martha Hutsick for the Douglas Avenue Business District; Trevor Young for Visioning a Greater Racine, Jay Benkowski, Ed Willing, Janet Hoff - WRJN

1. Meeting was called to order by Fran Martin at 5:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Village Hall meeting room.
2. Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2017. Motion to approve Marla Wishau, Second by Bill Streeter, Motion Carried.  
Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2017. Motion to approve Bill Streeter, Second by Kjell Erlandsson, Motion Carried.
3. Agenda item #6 – Discussion of DOT response from Safety Engineer. The response stated Highway Safety funds (HDIF) would not be available for this project. The accident numbers were reviewed and in the opinion of the DOT Safety Engineer, funds were justified for the project. Tony Bunkleman agreed with this interpretation.

Bill Streeter commented that the committee was looking for a solution to the closed median problem for businesses north of Aurora and south of the Middle road intersection and the DOT had indicated they were going to assist us to that end. Fran Martin said she would work with Tony Bunkleman to prepare a reply to Stacy, the Safety engineer involved, We would ask if they could assist us with a solution and cost estimates, which was our intention of the meeting, not worry about the grant at this time. Tony said he would be happy to assist Fran with this.

4. Agenda item #8 – Visioning Greater Racine presentation by Bill Streeter and Trever Young. The Visioning process is in progress and a summary report should be completed by September 1, 2017. The report should show what people ‘want to see’ in Racine. Currently Visioning a Greater Racine is all volunteer and will work to connect the people (grass roots) with like interests with existing groups to make these groups stronger.

The group Resilient Communities is made up of community leaders who want to make good things happen in Racine. They were in existence before Visioning a greater Racine and they hope will be a part of Visioning.

Visioning a Greater Racine is putting together a budget. They want to hire 3 full time and one part time employee and project budget needs of \$250,000. This is primarily for salaries, facilities, website and promotion with some office supplies and employee taxes/benefits. They said the Village would be asked for a commitment of \$25,000. They would come to a board meeting after September 1 and give a presentation and more details of the budget, direction and goals for VGR. Ed Willing asked if the Village share was based on population, productivity or ?? VGR responded more would be detailed at the board meeting presentation. Because there is no corporate backing, municipalities and donations are the only options for support. Educators Credit Union has been a huge backer thus far, as well as some other churches and manufacturers.

5. Agenda item #4 – Douglas Avenue Business District – Martha Hutsick said all pots have been placed (10) and all restaurant brochures are out at Mileagers. The public has had a very positive response to the brochures. After talking about the Visioning budget, she said the Douglas Avenue Business District would be looking for an increase in their budget also, doubling to \$5,000. They will also be putting together their plans for the 2018 budget to present to the committee.
6. Agenda item # 5 – Franksville Industrial Park – Marla Wishau will draft a letter to the industries in the Franksville park to see if there is a communications need the CDA could assist with. This letter could also lead to other dialogue. Marla will bring a draft letter to the next regular meeting.
7. Agenda item # 7 – Development checklist – Lee Wishau was not present, Motion to table by Bob Bradley, seconded by Kjell Erlandsson. Motion carried.

8. Agenda item #3 – Public use of the Village meeting rooms. Bob Bradley noted Ed Willing and the Parks Commission are working towards requesting a community center building to be built on land adjoining Crawford Park. More information will be forthcoming.
  
9. New Business – there will be a Special Working Meeting two weeks from today, June 10, at the New Village Hall meeting room at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will allow CDA members to focus on goals for the committee in the next year
  
10. Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m. Motion made by William Streeter. Seconded by Kjell Erlandsson. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Marla Wishau