



Economic Development Committee
Thursday, November 5, 2020 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cheryl Robertson called the Economic Development Committee meeting for November 5, 2020 to order at 10:04 a.m.

Members Present - Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Mayor Chip Dutcher
Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Bailey Klimchak, Jack Liggett, Marvin Block, Benjamin Lee, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - None

2. Action on Minutes

a. October 1, 2020

ACTION: Carol Van Deest moved to Approve; Chip Dutcher seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: 3

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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3. Project Mastodon Update / SIB Loan

Jim Lenner confirmed that December 14th the Controlling Board will hear the request for project money and by that time hopes to have an answer back on the SIB loan application that goes in next week; he said he does not see any issues with either so all funding should be in place by first of the year and we can vet engineers and will better know timeframes. Said he will check in with client next week to see if right of way or property purchase negotiation has begun.

4. Project Circuit Update

Jim Lenner said client still has not formally approved the CRA agreement; he will be modifying the agreement regarding the sixty two jobs by end of project to specify a date and also adding that it will only pertain to this building and these sixty two jobs. Marvin Block said the square footage of buildings have changed; has gone from a 46,000 square foot project to a 72,000 square foot project and they already have the sixty two employees. To date, the property has not been purchased; concern was noted that with the property being for sale, another buyer could enter into a contract. Water and sewer infrastructure still moving forward, water in the spring and sewer going in over the winter.

5. Enterprise Center Rezoning

Jim Lenner said at the property closing, he asked if the property owner would be in favor of us rezoning the remainder of the acreage out there because the first rezoning only took into account the area directly behind the mill and the twenty acres.

6. Incubator Space Update

Different location options being considered to include the old nursing home and the old feed mill property. Ms. Van Deest wrote a comparison for each property. Discussion on conversations had with the location property owners. Staff and CIC members to tour locations and take individual notes. Bailey added that she thought a feasibility study should still be done but she does not think it can be done with CARES money because of the deadline to spend it and would not spend money on it until a location is chosen.

7. Other Business

1. Mayor Dutcher said the GROW Licking County promotional video for Johnstown was great and growth will happen and it is a matter of how we manage it.

2. Discussion on locations for a movie premier for the production being filmed in Johnstown; Jim Lenner to talk to the film makers.

3. Carol said she liked the JohnstowOH Instagram

4. Marvin said he spoke with Bill Treciak and thought he was interested in getting the business people downtown together.

8. Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.