



Economic Development Committee
Thursday, May 6, 2021 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

Staff present - Jim Lenner - Village Manager, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Bailey Klimchak - Village Planner, Jim Blair - Zoning Inspector, Ben Lee, Marvin Block, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - None

2. Action on Minutes

a. April 1, 2021

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

AYES: Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

3. CIC updates/Incubator space

Jim Lenner updated that last CIC meeting was canceled; Amy Treciak's contact is willing to advise but would like the board in place prior to meeting. Discussion on number of board members, potentially five. Ms. Robertson said committee can work on coming up with names of individuals who could be helpful to this board, people who have started their own businesses, attorney, accountant etc. people who could be good advisors.

2021 Committee Goals

1. Plan for and target types of employers the village wants to attract; Manufacturing, Commercial, Business Offices - Update ED Plan to solidify vision for facilities (By end of Q1)
2. Develop a Comprehensive Plan for a future Incubator Space - Manager working to create a plan outline to share with CIC
3. Develop common purpose with Park & Rec Committee to promote park and rec amenities; Eco-tourism.
4. Enterprise Center Drive construction completion in 2021 - In progress
5. Obtain rezoning of the remainder of the Enterprise Center land - Discussions ongoing
6. Provide consistent communication on joint projects with the CIC - Minutes and verbal report on CIC agendas.
7. Develop a business census - In progress
8. Help facilitate formation of Chamber of Commerce - Enlist help from CIC and Licking County Chamber of Commerce

Marvin Block updated that the owner of the old nursing home is ready to sell, have a meeting with him on the 11th if anyone wants to join.

4. Mobility Hub update

Jim Lenner said he is working on a kickoff meeting with design engineer HDR; also met with a local business who owns the property we are looking at, he has a draft MOU out to them and it is being reviewed, said they will get back to us. Meeting with Congressman Balderson later today to discuss the deficiencies in our earmark request.

Later added that he would likely ask Council for a few more dollars to incorporate the entirety of the property we are looking at (thirty two acres) because the \$20,000 concept plan is just for the five acre mobility hub; thinks we are being short sighted because that five acres will affect the redevelopment of the entire thirty two acres. Will talk to the design consultant HDR to see what it would cost to incorporate the entirety.

5. Project Mastodon Update

Started roadway design, upped the design fee authorizing an additional \$12,000 (still in budget) to explore options for a round-a-bout.

Mr. Block expressed his favorable opinion on a round-a-bout for that location.

6. Enterprise Center update

Ms. Robertson noted the purchasing company's intent to purchase the additional twenty acres and asked if that would need to be rezoned; Mr. Lenner said that had already been done. Initial sketches and renderings of the buildings should be given to the village tomorrow or early next week, expects purchasing company to close after the ninety day due diligence period. Ms. Robertson asked if design of the building will go to Planning and Zoning, Mr. Lenner said yes for the aesthetics. Update on progress of widening the road with the firm commitment of a company coming.

7. Other Business

1. Discussion on Revitalization District to gain additional liquor licenses in the village.
2. Meeting with School Board regarding the CRA for New River; waiting on some direction from Law Director.
3. Discussion on water and sewer facility expansion with regard to line extension to interested properties out of town; potential for funding.
4. Review of 2021 Committee goals.
5. Update that Apeks and Curaleaf now under same new umbrella.
6. Mr. Block asked about the village recouping investment of money spent on making the Enterprise Center property more valuable; said he knows we cannot do anything about what was done in the past but what about the other fifty acres when it's developed; discussion on negotiation of the CRA and how it relates to the school district.

8. Adjourn

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

AYES: Cheryl Robertson, Carol Van Deest, Chip Dutcher

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.