

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

West Square Building, Rm 213

505 Broadway Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin

April 24, 2017

Economic Development Committee Members Present Marty Krueger, Dennis Polivka, Andy Andrews, Nathan Johnson, Peter Vedro, Andrea Lombard, Brian Peper.

Others present Sarah Pittz, Jenny Erickson, Ed White, Lisa Wilson, Chuck Spencer, Alene Kleczek-Bolin, Tim Damos, Rael La Breche, Bobby Wagner, and Jeff Lenz.

At 4:01 p.m., Chair Krueger called the Economic Development Committee meeting to order and certified compliance with the open meetings law.

Adopt Agenda Motion by Johnson/Vedro to adopt the agenda. Motion carried, all in favor.

Adopt minutes of previous meetings – March 28, 2017 Motion by Polivka/Vedro to adopt the minutes. Motion carried, all in favor.

Public comment None

Communications None

Presentation by Bobbie Wagner, Wagner Foundation Ltd. Re: Mid-Continent Railway Museum

Bobby Wagner & Jeff Lenz discussed the need for a \$600,000 loan to fund repairs to the railroad bridge over the Baraboo River so that they can grow. The bridge would span 178 feet and would connect the Mid-Continent railroad and museum to the main line. The engineering phase was funded by the Wagner Foundation. The Wagner Foundation has also pledged \$600,000, if the balance of funding can be secured in a timely manner. Vedro stated that he would like to see how their activities relate to Sauk County as a whole. Committee members discussed the current operation.

Update on “Design Reedsburg”

Sarah Pittz outlined the schedule of events and reported that the community participation event will occur on May 5th and 6th.

Placemaking Update

- a. Update on Process. Pittz and Jenny Erickson provided an update on the process and spoke about the Natural Resources Group Survey, a Sustainable Agriculture Focus Group and that the Villages of Spring Green and Plain are working on placemaking.
- b. Review and discussion of Place Plan Document. Pittz presented the, “Making Sauk: A Place Plan” document and spoke about framing questions and key things to consider. Ed White, SCDC, provided an overview of the housing study they hope to undertake in the near future. Rael LaBreche, representing SCIL, stated that the program would be taking a year off to re-tool and re-design the program. Krueger recommended that all review the document prior to a special meeting, so that the product can be refined for the Midterm presentation to the County Board. The Economic Development Committee will hold a special meeting on May 10, 2017 to review, discuss, and consider recommendation of the plan.

Great Sauk State Trail Update

Krueger provided an update and stated that the design and engineering plans will be 60% completed by May 1st. A date will be selected to present the plans to the public and the Great Sauk Trail Commission.

Next Meeting Date

May 10, 2017 at 4:00 pm

Motion by Johnson/Polivka to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Andrews
Economic Development Committee Secretary