

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Time and Place: The Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Board Room at City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau

ED Members Present: Bill Nagle (C), Romey Wagner, Tom Neal (VC), Dave Oberbeck and Lisa Rasmussen

Others Present: Mayor Jim Tipple, Ann Werth, Anne Jacobson, MaryAnne Groat, Nan Giese, Travis Lepinski, Dan Arndt, John Morache, Elizabeth Field, Dave Sether, Evan Greenwood, Mike Vanderloop, Bill Greenwood, Randy Fifrick and Mark Kordus

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Stats., notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner.

CALL TO ORDER

Nagle noted there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. Rasmussen arrived at approximately 4:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/11/14, 11/20/14, 12/9/14 AND 12/18/14

Neal motioned to approve minutes. Wagner seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAWINGS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 1212 NORTH 1ST STREET (GREENWOOD)

Bill Greenwood presented a video depicting what the outside of his proposed project would look like. He noted that there is a 5000 square foot addition that will be a two story laser tag facility.

Wagner asked if it is possible for one of the large pictures on the outside of the building to be a screen to show movies on.

Oberbeck questioned how the building and patio will merge with the riverfront, pedestrian path and the wharf, as well as, if there be any elevation changes or seating areas.

Werth informed the committee that Bill Duncanson is working on the elevation changes for the path.

Kordus stated that the wharf will start off the South West corner of the building.

Neal raised concern about what utilities will be exiting the roof. There may be multi-level building built near this property and he is concerned about what they will be looking down on.

Greenwood said the only things exiting the roof should be exhaust vents. The furnaces and air conditioning units will be installed at ground level.

Groat said that this concern can be written into the Developer's Agreement as to what exits the roof.

Oberbeck asked what type of steel will be used on the exterior of the building.

Arndt said the steel panels will be an architectural style and the panels will run both vertical and horizontal to break up the exterior of the building.

Neal motioned to approve of this development project. Rasmussen seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

UPDATE ON RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Mark Kordus, Stantec, updated the committee on the Riverfront Project. On January 27, 2015, there will be an open house to inform and get feedback from the public. Clean up activities at the former Hammer Blow will be addressed in the spring. First Street will be bid out in March or April of this year. Shoreline treatments need to be done because the entire bank is contaminated at levels above the direct contact standards. Three grant applications are in and we should know in April if we will receive any grant funds.

Werth will bring to the next Economic Development meeting an agenda item asking for permission to move forward with the needed bids.

No action was taken this was only an update.

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR A SHOPPING CENTER CONSULTANT AND THE FORMER KWIK TRIP SITE ON GRAND AVENUE

Werth informed the committee that there were two proposals for each project. On Monday, January 19, 2015, the selection committee for the former Kwik Trip will meet and bring their recommendations forward to the Economic Development Committee.

No action was taken this was only an update.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Werth asked the Committee to change the regular scheduled meeting date due to a scheduling conflict for her. The committee decided to move the meetings to the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be scheduled on February 3, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Neal motioned to adjourn. Oberbeck seconded and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Bill Nagle, Chairperson