

**City of Marine City
Community and Economic Development Board
September 25, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Community and Economic Development Board was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Planning Commission Representative Moran at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Planning Commission Representative Moran.

Present: Board Members Danielle Donahue, Heather Hatcher, Robert Klingler; TIFA Board Representative Robert Weisenbaugh; Planning Commission Representative Joseph Moran; City Commissioner Cheryl Vercammen; City Manager Elaine Leven, City Clerk Kristen Baxter, Deputy Clerk Michele Goodrich

Absent: Chairperson Laura Scaccia

Motion by City Commissioner Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Klingler, to excuse Chairperson Scaccia from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

None.

Approve Agenda

Motion by City Commissioner Vercammen, seconded by TIFA Board Representative Weisenbaugh, to approve agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

No residents addressed the Board.

Approve Minutes

Motion by City Commissioner Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Klingler, to approve the Community & Economic Development Board minutes of August 28, 2019. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Kayak Launch Site

City Commissioner Vercammen reported that she had no new information for the Board at this time but that she would speak with Friends of the St. Clair River prior to the October 23, 2019 meeting.

Tall Ship/Large Ship Tie-Up

Board Member Klingler stated that the Community and Economic Development Subcommittee met to discuss if it was prudent to submit an application to the DEQ and Army Corps of Engineers to see if the concept for the tall ship/large ship tie-up was feasible and how to go about getting funding for an engineering analysis.

Clinton River Cruise Boat

Planning Commission Representative Moran stated that they were still interested in setting a meeting with the involved parties however, due to scheduling conflicts, they have been unable to do so.

Board Member Klingler questioned a private/public partnership with land owners regarding potential docking sites. City Manager Leven informed the Board as to the City's previous discussions with land owners and the potential reasons behind the stalled negotiations.

Shuttle Bus

TIFA Board Representative Weisenbaugh discussed purchasing or leasing options of a shuttle bus and the various potential route stops in town and between neighboring communities. He stated that he will be contacting businesses to gauge interest and support.

New Business

First Impressions Tourism

City Manager Leven briefly summarized the First Impressions Tourism grant explaining that first time visitors came to town and gave their opinions of the City. She stated that those results could be used to think of ideas for City projects.

Planning Commission Representative Moran recapped the results, highlighting that the City needed to broaden its outreach through billboards or online presence.

City Commissioner Vercammen asked Board Member Donahue if she would like to work on gathering information relating to costs and locations of potential billboards. Board Member Donahue replied that she would work on getting information.

Michigan and Marijuana

Planning Commission Representative Moran stated that he found that the webinar required a pre-registration and fee. No one from the Board attended the webinar.

Open Discussion

Board Member Klingler discussed the potential future of the Guy Center and said that its location would make it a perfect home for the Marine Chamber of Commerce and public restrooms.

Planning Commission Representative Moran questioned if the Board should advertise the committee's existence. Board Member Klingler responded that it was critical to advertise.

Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Klingler, seconded by City Commissioner Vercammen, to adjourn at 7:25 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Goodrich
Deputy Clerk

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk