**City of Marine City**

**Community and Economic Development Board**

**July 27, 2022**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Community and Economic Development Board was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 260 South Parker Street, and was called to order by Chairperson Moran at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Moran.

**Present: Planning Commission Representative (Chairperson) Joseph Moran; City Commission Representative Cheryl Vercammen; Chamber of Commerce Representative Paul Merchant; Board Members Cheryl Ross, Heather Hatcher (6:27pm); City Manager Holly Tatman; Deputy Clerk Michele Goodrich**

**Absent: TIFA Board Representative Bob Weisenbaugh.**

**Communications**

None.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Ross, to approve the Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Ross, to approve the Community & Economic Development Board minutes of June 22, 2022. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Unfinished Business**

Marine City Marina Project

City Manager Tatman advised the Board that the structure had been demolished. She informed the Board that the City was working toward obtaining funding for project components.

Wood Chair for Downtown Photo Op

Heather Hatcher advised that she planned to begin painting on the wood chair this week.

There was discussion regarding putting a QR code next to the chair to link to the Chamber’s website.

Vacant Storefronts

City Manager Tatman advised the Board that the Vacant Storefront Ordinance had been adopted and that it would go into effect in December.

300 Broadway

City Manager Tatman informed the Board that the initial meeting was productive and stated that there was a lot to deal with initially such as information gathering and putting in place a plan of action. She advised that the Committee decided to allow the second resident seat to be offered to a member of the Historical Society.

City Commission Representative Vercammen emphasized the need to keep the momentum going.

Chairperson Moran questioned if 300 Broadway was separate from the Park. City Manager Tatman replied that the issue would need to be addressed with the City Attorney. She further stated that what could be done with the property behind 303 South Water Street was also being addressed by the City Attorney.

Downtown Mural Project

Board Member Ross stated that the downtown murals were completed and discussed including a plaque at the site to acknowledge the artists.

13 Ways to Kill Your Community: Number 8: Living in the Past

Chairperson Moran stated that the beginning and the end of every community is the collective attitude that they have toward success.

City Commission Representative Vercammen stated that it was very difficult to do when leadership fails or people in leadership positions don’t want to move forward.

Chamber Representative Merchant sated that he understood the sense of nostalgia and quaintness of older buildings however, when the peoples’ intent was to make progress impossible, then those individuals should not serve on City Boards.

Tour Boat Guide

City Commission Representative Vercammen informed the Board that she would be having a meeting with a boat captain who may be interested in relocating his boat to Marine City.

Master Plan & Master Recreation Plan

City Manager Tatman informed the Board that she would be presenting a draft Request for Proposals for consultant services at the next Planning Commission meeting. She advised that the consultants would hold public meetings and gather information in order to update the Master Plans. She requested the CEDB members to make general notes regarding what they would like to see in the future master plan.

**New Business**

United States Flag Program

Board Member Ross questioned if the Board wanted to participate in a flag program similar to St. Clair Rotary. She was given contact information for the Marine City Rotary to see if they would be interested in the program.

CEDB – Spending Ordinance

City Manager Tatman presented the Board with a revised Community & Economic Development Board Ordinance that addressed the spending procedure.

Motion by Board Member Ross, seconded by City Commission Representative Vercammen, to approve updates to the Community & Economic Development Board Ordinance and forward to the City Commission for approval. **Roll Call:** Ayes: Merchant, Vercammen, Ross, Moran, Hatcher Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Discussion**

Chairperson Moran reminded the Board that there was a vacant position for a business person.

Chamber Member Merchant informed the Board that the Rediscover your Downtown event was a good day however, there was a noticeable difference between the amount of mailers sent out and the passports that were returned. He also thanked Board Member Hatcher for her help during the Summer Splash Bash.

**Adjournment**

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Ross, to adjourn at 7:03 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Goodrich

Deputy Clerk

Shannon Adams

City Clerk