**City of Marine City**

**Community and Economic Development Board**

**October 27, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Community and Economic Development Board was held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 260 South Parker Street, 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: Planning Commission Representative Joseph Moran; TIFA Board Representative Bob Weisenbaugh; City Commission Representative Cheryl Vercammen; Board Members Cheryl Ross, Robert Klingler; City Manager Holly Tatman; Deputy Clerk Michele Goodrich**

**Absent: Chairperson Laura Scaccia; Board Member Heather Hatcher**

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

**Communications**

None.

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Klingler, to approve the Community & Economic Development Board minutes of September 22, 2021. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Unfinished Business**

Marine City Marina Project

City Commission Representative Vercammen informed the Board that she and City Manager Tatman had attended a luncheon with 6 Rivers Conservancy in Detroit and she believed that it looked favorable for Marine City being awarded the DNR grant.

Informational Area in City Hall

City Manager Tatman advised the Board that the informational kiosk was up in the main lobby of the City Offices. City Commission Representative Vercammen expressed her concern that it was not visible enough for people to see and suggested signage pointing people to its location.

Wood Chair for Downtown Photo Op

City Commission Representative Vercammen advised that Chairperson Scaccia had the quote however, they were still waiting on the dimensions of the chair. She stated that they had time to obtain the dimensions as the chair would not be installed until Spring.

Vacant Storefronts

Planning Commission Representative Moran informed the Board that the issue of vacant storefronts was on the agenda at the last Planning Commission meeting. He stated that Wade Trim had provided examples of what other communities were doing to address the issue of vacant storefronts, such as: mandating window coverings, providing rebates for electricity for property owners to keep the lights on, and requiring vacant buildings to be registered and inspected with the City.

Motion by Board Member Klingler, seconded by City Commission Representative Vercammen, instructing the City to compile a list of vacant properties to be brought to the Board for evaluation and inspection. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**New Business**

Future Projects and Idea Brainstorming

Board Member Ross advised the Board that she had met with Jason Stier with Riverview East School and he was excited about the idea of having the high school students involved with creating murals in town and making an impact in the community.

City Manager Tatman questioned if murals were permitted and stated that the City would need to research the zoning ordinances.

EDA Update – Robert Klingler

Board Member Klingler informed the Board that he was reinstated for another term and recommended that City Manager Tatman join the St. Clair EDA. He stated that the EDA will be building a multi-million dollar complex in Port Huron and it will be a great asset to EDA members who want to meet with potential investors.

**Open Discussion**

TIFA Board Representative Weisenbaugh expressed his interest in holding an October car cruise next year, with Algonac, Clay Township and St. Clair.

City Commission Representative Vercammen stated that she would be filling out a Special Event Permit Application to drive Santa around town again this year.

**Adjournment**

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Klingler, to adjourn at 7:09 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Goodrich

Deputy Clerk

Kristen Baxter

 City Clerk