

**City of Marine City
Community and Economic Development Board
November 20, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Community and Economic Development Board was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Chairperson Scaccia at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Scaccia.

Present: Chairperson Laura Scaccia; Board Members Danielle Donahue; Heather Hatcher; Robert Klingler; Planning Commission Representative Joseph Moran; City Commissioner Cheryl Vercammen; City Manager Elaine Leven; Deputy Clerk Michele Goodrich

Absent: TIFA Board Representative Robert Weisenbaugh

Communications

None.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Chairperson Scaccia, seconded by Board Member Klingler, to approve agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Lori Eschenburg, St. Clair County Blue Ways, introduced herself and spoke about the St. Clair County Blue Ways.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Planning Commission Representative Moran, seconded by Board Member Klingler, to approve the Community & Economic Development Board minutes of October 23, 2019. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Kayak Launch Site

Planning Commission Representative Moran discussed the Kayak Launch Site Development Plans and the breakdown of work to be completed during each phase. He also addressed his interest in submitting a request to the City Commission to fund, or assist in helping to fund, the Kayak Launch Project.

City Commission Representative Vercammen questioned what would need to be done to be able to eventually turn the Kayak Launch Site into a designated City Park.

City Manager Leven responded that the space would need to be included in the City's Master Plan as a park.

Chairperson Scaccia stated that she would like to add designating the space as a City Park to Phase 3 of the Kayak Launch Site Development Plan.

Lori Eschenburg requested permission to comment, stating that if the City of Marine City designated the area as a City Park, the County would then add the space in their park inventory and it would also be added to the Blue Water Site as a designated Kayak Launch Site.

City Commission Representative Vercammen requested that board members try to find someone willing to donate a floating dock before the City builds one.

Board Member Klingler discussed potential Kayak Launch Site names, stating he liked the name, "Bridge Street Launch."

Motion by Planning Commission Representative Moran, seconded by City Commission Representative Vercammen, to call the Kayak Launch site the Bridge Street Launch. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Board Member Klingler, to have Planning Commission Representative Moran present the Kayak Launch packet to the City Commission at the December 5, 2019 meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clinton River Cruise Boat

Board Member Klingler questioned if the City could get a grant with leased land.

Tall Ship/Large Ship Tie-Up

Board Member Klingler updated the board that he had a face-to-face meeting with Fiscelli Marine Construction regarding the specs on the dolphins necessary for the Tall Ship/Large Ship tie-ups.

Shuttle Bus

TIFA Board Representative Weisenbaugh was absent; no updates at this time.

Billboards

Board Member Donahue stated that there were no updates at this time.

Streamtime Live Cam

Chairperson Scaccia stated she would like the Streamtime Live Cam removed from future agendas.

New Business

December Meeting Change

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Planning Commission Representative Moran to approve the December meeting date change to Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:00 at the Marine City Fire Hall. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2021 Grant Funding

Planning Commission Representative Moran spoke to the importance of being prepared for when grant funding opportunities become available.

Social Media

Chairperson Scaccia discussed the importance of getting the word out about the Community and Economic Development Board.

Food Truck

City Manager Leven stated that she contacted the individual who had reached out regarding bringing food trucks to Marine City and invited him to speak at the Community and Economic Development Board meeting however, he did not show.

Alternative Signage for Marine City

City Commission Representative Vercammen stated that the Board needed to do more research regarding more creative ways to advertise.

Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County

Chairperson Scaccia discussed the importance of the City's presence at the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County meetings.

City Manager Leven advised that an alternate could not go in her place however, private business members may be able to reach out and possibly join.

Chairperson Scaccia stated that she will reach out to Dan Casey regarding how a Marine City representative could fill a spot on the EDA Board.

Open Discussion

City Commission Representative Vercammen requested that board members reach out to the Facebook Community to see if anyone had a floating jet-ski ramp for the Kayak Launch initiative that they would like to donate to the City.

Board Member Hatcher discussed the Merrytime Christmas meetings and mentioned that through a donation from Lumberjack, she will be decorating the pieces to look like snowmen around the downtown skating rink.

Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Klingler, seconded by City Commissioner Vercammen, to adjourn at 7:01 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Goodrich
Deputy Clerk

Kristen Baxter
City Clerk