



MINUTES

Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board & Networking Meeting January 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

George Heartwell called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Board Meeting to order at 10:31 am at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ed Fedell, Jason Harris, George Heartwell, Del Hirdes, Eric Johnson, Krista Looman, Cory Nelson, Steven Radtke, George Suchy
Absent: Ron Armstrong, Brooke Schaeffer

Others Present: Julie Burrell, Scott Faulkner, Nick Looman, Morgan Heinzman, Chris Ortwein, Eric Kolesnikovas

Heartwell asked if any changes to meeting minutes from October 30, 2018 and with no changes, Heartwell stated minutes approved.

MASTER PLAN INPUT FROM BOARD

Faulkner discussed draft Master Plan and stated looking for thoughts and suggestions from Board. Heartwell stated that the Housing Task Force recommendations had been included in the Master Plan. Board discussed: Muskegon River Holding Property, affordable housing, mid-level and high-end housing, and housing survey results from Magna. Motion by Looman, second by Hirdes to recommend that City Council approve the Master Plan with amendments discussed today. Motion was withdrawn after discussion.

Faulkner updated Board on Redevelopment Ready Communities process. He discussed highlights from thematic document that was provided to all attendees. Faulkner stated that the focus has to be on "49337" zip code and not just the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Faulkner gave an update on the Dragon Trail project stating it had been submitted to FERC at the end of December. Heinzman, Croton Township Supervisor, gave an update on Croton Township recent activities. Nelson, Brooks Township Supervisor, gave an update on Brooks Township recent activities. Suchy, Garfield Township Supervisor, gave an update on Garfield Township recent activities. Board discussed walkway connection from up-town area to down-town area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Fedell stated once Master Plan has been finalized, the City will begin process of reviewing City Ordinances and he estimates this will be a two year process.

NEDO Board Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

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Absent: Ron Armstrong, Brooke Schaeffer

Others Present: Julie Burrell, Scott Faulkner, Nick Looman, Morgan Heinzman, Eric Kolesnikovas, Colleen Lynema, John Buckley Jr., Scott Swinehart, Chief Andres, Dan Groszkiewicz

MASTER PLAN

Heartwell and Faulkner gave an update on Master Plan and discussed housing needs.

NEDO PROJECT UPDATE BRIEFS

K. Looman discussed Bicycle Task Force and said they are working on bicycle routes in the City. She stated they are working to get designation as a Bicycle Friendly City and would like to achieve at least bronze level.
Faulkner gave an update on potential pedestrian suspension bridges being discussed at Park Street and Henning Park. He said that they are working with MEDC on possible funding options.
Faulkner gave an update on Development Sites: Muskegon River Holding, Railside (behind Stream), Vera Wilsie site, and area behind Leppinks. He updated group on Redevelopment Ready Community process.
Heartwell gave an update on Housing Task Force Committee. He spoke about establishing a Housing Trust Fund.
Faulkner stated that they hope to hold the next IAm Newwaygo! Public Engagement Meeting sometime this spring.
Heartwell and Faulkner discussed results from Housing Survey that was completed by Magna employees.
Faulkner gave an update on Stream Marketing Campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

Faulkner gave an update on miscellaneous parcels in the City, owned by private residents, which may have a strategic advantage to the City.

PUBLIC & BOARD COMMENTS

Chief Andres would like a Public Safety Committee established and stated that a public hearing is being held on January 8th at 6:30 pm to discuss “Randy’s House.”
Hirdes stated that Fire Chief Jason Wolford would like to get information from upcoming NEDO meetings.
Johnson discussed “Families Against Narcotics” looking to obtain 2 houses in downtown Newwaygo.
Harris discussed information presented at public forum regarding “Randy’s House.”

NEDO Networking Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.

NEDO Chair –George Heartwell

Recording Secretary-Kim Goodin