

Village of Belleville  
Community Economic and Development Committee  
Minutes  
April 11, 2013  
Village Hall

Present: Mike O'Connor, Johan Veeneman, Rick Francois, Howard Ward, and Diane O'Connor

Excused Absence: Scott Hayes and Jerry Jansen

Absent: Randi MacLeod, Herb Blaser, and Bonnie Wilcox

Meeting called to order by Chair, Judy Bacha at 7:03 AM.

Bacha asked those members whose term is coming to an end for another term of service to the community. The following members agreed to another term of service: Mike O'Connor, Herb Blaser, Diane O'Connor, and Scott Hayes. Thank you!

Bacha announced an upcoming workshop presented by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation on the site selection process through RFI. The workshop is scheduled for April 19, 2013 at 9 am. Bacha registered to attend and requested questions from the committee members to take to this workshop. Rick Francois requested business dollars available for the various Main Street projects. Bacha suggested scheduling Mary Gage from WEDC to attend the May meeting. At this meeting, the members can direct their specific questions to Mary. Howard Ward stated not only does the Village have access to the Dane County resources; we also have the advantage of the Green County resources as well.

Bacha reminded the members of the upcoming GCDC Annual Meeting scheduled for April 30, 2013. Bacha will forward the invitation via email to all the members.

Bacha presented an advertisement pulled from the Isthmus featuring the businesses in Paoli. Rick Francois commented that the majority of bicyclists come from the Madison area. Bacha suggested creating a promotion to drive those folks to Belleville.

A short discussion ensued around the planning commission meeting on the river walk. Mike O'Connor gave an update on the entrance signs as a volunteer project involving a couple of high school students. O'Connor informed the members that one student wanted to do plantings in the entrance sign on Highway 92.

Rick Francois informed the members that the Belleville Family clinic is being purchased. Rick recommended inviting Peggy from the clinic to the May meeting to inform the members of any changes due to the purchase. Rick volunteered to contact Peggy to address the group in May. Howard Ward informed the committee that the UW dropped the price on the Vine Street property.

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Mike O'Connor moved to adjourn. Howard Ward seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Bacha, Chair



