

Village of Belleville
Community Economic and Development Committee
Minutes
December 9, 2010
Village Hall

Present: Terry Kringle, Keith Lehnerr, Paul Lawinger, Herb Blaser, Jerry Jansen,
Scott Hayes, Rick Francois, Mike O'Connor, and Jim Schmitz

Excused Absence: Todd Huebler

Absent: Brad Peterson

Meeting called to order by Chair, Judy Bacha, at 7:01 AM

Terry Kringle moved to approve the November 11, 2010 minutes as written. Scott Hayes seconds the motion.

Judy Bacha asked the committee members for their ideas based upon the correspondence sent from Attorney Michael Christopher at DeWitt Ross & Stevens. Attorney Christopher asked for business owners to express their desires in promoting economic development in the state of Wisconsin. The best ideas will be submitted to Governor Walker for consideration. Rick Francois requested submission of the reorganization of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, whereby the process becomes more efficient with a timely turnaround time. Judy Bacha suggested increasing the Section 179 depreciation allowance to keep pace with the Federal level. Mike O'Connor suggested stronger policies to sustain existing businesses in Wisconsin.

Judy Bacha briefly updated the committee on the highlights of the joint meeting between the CDA, Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development. The three logo concepts were introduced. Cindy Jaggi proposed a market feasibility study for the community along with grant funding possibilities.

The committee members started discussing their action plan for 2011. Scott Hayes recommended the development of a plan between the Village and the developers to attract business to the Belleville area. Terry Kringle suggested taking that recommendation one step further. Terry suggested that the Economic Development Committee be the core group and all other committees and organizations within the Village take direction from the core group. The first order of business would be the development of an inventory list of lots and vacant spaces available to purchase and/or lease. The committee members proceeded to create the list of inventory which would appear on the Village and Chamber websites. Other individuals on the committee would e-mail the inventory list to their contacts in the Dane County area.

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The inventory list would include a description of the property with contact information for potential business owners. This list would also be forwarded to those organizations which have links state wide.

Herb Blaser moved to adjourn. Keith Lehnerr seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Bacha, Chair