

Village of Belleville  
Community Economic and Development Committee  
Minutes  
May 9, 2013  
Village Hall

Present: Howard Ward, Bonnie Wilcox, Randi MacLeod, Herb Blaser, Mike O'Connor, Rick Francois, Scott Hayes, and Diane O'Connor.

Excused Absence: Johan Veeneman

Special Guests: Mary Gage with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation  
Peggy Soehnlein with Belleville Family Practice Clinic

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

Bacha introduced Mary Gage, Regional Account Manager with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Mary provided an over view of the creation of WEDC and its primary purpose in attracting business to Wisconsin which creates jobs. Herb Blaser stated many of the jobs in business have been replaced by automation. Mike O'Connor countered that the creation of new jobs exists in other areas of business which require different skills and knowledge. Mary moved on to explain the negative press coverage the agency has experience over the last months. Mary explained the RFP process workshops held across the state to attract new business. The list of documents, the information prospective business owners glean from the application and the benefits of the community totes to attract interest in relocation was relayed. Mike O'Connor asked which organizations and/or individuals were responsible in obtaining the information. Mary relayed the information may come from a number of sources which one organization then submits to WEDC for placement on the "Locate Wisconsin" web site. Rick Francois inquired about funding availability through WEDC. Mary responded the current funding opportunities were focused on high tech, and tax credits for hiring. Rick provided an over view of the Bell West project and the Landmark depot project. Mary made a number of recommendations to explore through other governmental agencies.

Peggy Soehnlein, Office Manager of the Belleville Family Practice Clinic was introduced by Bacha. Peggy started with defusing the rumor that the clinic was in the process of being sold. No such thing happening! Peggy explained those long-term employees who are currently employed by the University of Wisconsin will become employees of the UW Medical Foundation. The change becomes effective January 2014. Since the new clinic opened 18 months ago, the number of new patients increased by 2000. The clinic ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in patient care with a 90 to 93% fill rate. The clinic was awarded the "Design Build Award", as well as, being deemed a green certified structure.

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Herb Blaser moved to adjourn. Mike O'Connor seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Bacha, Chair



