

Village of Belleville
Community Economic and Development Committee
Minutes
October 13, 2011
Village Hall

Present: Howard Ward, Jim Schmitz, Herb Blaser, Jerry Jansen, Rick Francois, Mike O'Connor and Diane O'Connor.

Excused Absence: Johan Veeneman, and Scott Hayes

Absent: Randi MacLeod

Meeting called to order by Chair, Judy Bacha, at 6:59 AM.

Rick Francois moved to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes as written. Mike O'Connor seconds the motion.

Rick Francois and Howard Ward provided an update on the open house on the location and construction of the pedestrian bridge for the general public. The Harrison Street location would cost anywhere from \$325,000 to \$500,000. That location would provide the Village with the opportunity to write and submit the "Safe School" grant which could possibly pay for the total construction. The construction of the bridge over the dam would run anywhere from \$610,000 to \$710,000. Construction of the bridge at the old location would run anywhere from \$285,000 to \$310,000. Rick pointed out the fact the majority of the costs of construction goes towards professional fees.

The "In Business" supplement has been postponed until next year. The committee is looking at March or April.

Closed discussions with Landmark are proceeding along. Duluth Trading is in the process of purchasing the old hardware store on Highway 69. Rick Francois is in discussions with the pharmacy to make the move to Belle West. A short discussion ensued on the possible uses of the old clinic on Vine Street.

Two recommendations were made as to the issue of community needs; an eatery and a hardware store. Discussions around community needs will continue in the upcoming months.

Herb Blaser moved to adjourn. Jerry Jansen seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bacha, Chair

