

Village of Belleville
Community Economic and Development Committee
Minutes
September 8, 2011
Village Hall

Present: Howard Ward, Herb Blaser, Jerry Jansen, Scott Hayes, Rick Francois, Johan Veeneman, Mike O'Connor, and Keith Lehnherr

Absent: Randi MacLeod, Paul Lawinger, and Jim Schmitz

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

There was one correction to the August 11, 2011 minutes. In the second paragraph, the line which reads "Due to the school district budget cuts, the school bus will only make one stop which should read – will make less stops – in the North Shore neighborhood. Rick Francois moved to approve the August 11, 2011 minutes as corrected. Mike O'Connor seconds the motion.

There was no report given on the Liase Committee due to Jim Schmitz's absence.

Scott Hayes informed the committee that he was trying to reach Jim Olson to obtain a copy of the blue prints for the grocery store complex in order to update the Village commercial inventory list.

The committee as a whole brain stormed ideas to obtain advertisers to fill the last few open spaces to publish the Belleville supplement for "In Business" magazine.

Judy Bacha informed the members of an organization called "Startup Accelerators" which is a group of private investors with cash looking to invest in start up companies, as well as, existing organizations looking for capital to move to the next level of growth. The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2011 at the Paper Valley Convention Center. It's free.

A short discussion on community needs took place. Our assignment is to come back in October with three (3) needs we believe will enhance the community as a whole.

Herb Blaser moved to adjourn. Johan Veeneman seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bacha, Chair

