

Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development

Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2015

PRESENT:

Carmen Gumina, John Cahill, Darrell Byerts, Tim Mason, Matt Chatfield, Chris Passero, Ginny Nancy, Robyn Whittaker, Pat Murray, and Greg Chambery,

Carmen Gumina welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting held on April 2, 2015 were reviewed with no changes. Approval of the minutes – moved by John Cahill; seconded by Ginny Nancy - all approved.

Financial Report:

Pat Murray provided the Board with a financial report for the month of April, 2015. Approval of financial report – moved by John Cahill; seconded by Robyn Whittaker – all approved.

Staff Activity Report:

Matt Chatfield provided an activity update for the month of April. Matt said GRE contacted him to work on the coordination for a developer to install a commercial hydroponic greenhouse in the Town of Webster. The developer is interested in 50 acres to build a 2.4 million square foot greenhouse in order to grow cherry tomatoes. Matt said Webster is one of four sites that have been chosen for this possible project which could ultimately provide 140 jobs for the community.

Matt said the Consolidated Funding Application process window has just opened up which is all the state funding that runs from May 1st and closes on July 31, 2015. Matt has attended some of these meetings and has put together some proposals. One strategy proposal application is for the Town of Webster and is related to engineering and design of the Sandbar Waterfront Revitalization. Matt has also met with the BID and the Village for an application related to Main Street funding. He would like to have a third application for the Xerox West Campus complex but it would depend on Xerox.

Matt said Bill Carpenter of Frontier Corporation called him on April 27th and did confirm that Webster has been selected as one of the quarterfinalist in the America's Best Communities Prize Competition. Webster will be awarded a \$35,000 cash prize and a

\$15,000 cash prize from Xerox Corporation, as a local corporate sponsor. In exchange WCCED will have to raise and provide a minimum of \$15,000 in matching funds by August 4, 2015 to maintain eligibility for Webster to be in the semi-final round for the \$3 million grand prize. WCCED shall develop a Community Revitalization plan that has a significant amount of public input and involvement. Matt said he wants to involve the school district and also put together a team of consultants. The deadline is early November. Matt has been compiling a “team” which will include all 5 entities of WCCED, Tom Smith from Smith Insurance (business services), Erica Denman from Balance Fitness (personal services), Mike Sukhenko of Sukhenko Design, and possibly 3 teachers from the Webster School District.

Carmen Gumina asked for a motion to accept the \$35,000 Prize Award from America’s Best Communities Prize Competition and for approval to sign the agreement.
Motion Ginny Nancy; seconded by John Cahill – all approved.

Carmen Gumina asked for a motion for WCCED to raise \$15,000 cash matching fund for America’s Best Prize Competition.
Motion Robyn Whittaker; seconded by John Cahill – all approved.

Carmen Gumina asked for a motion to file the DBA to change the name of the Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development to Webster Economic Development Alliance.
Motion John Cahill; seconded by Ginny Nancy – all approved.

Round Table:

Ginny Nancy said the Chamber is involved in new Board Candidate nominations. The next breakfast meeting is on May 29, 2015 and the topic will be Conscious Capitalism.

Robyn Whittaker said the BID is approaching the fun season and there will be three more Wine Walks, a beer walk, and Village Days will be on August 15-16, 2015.

John Cahill said in the Village the Original Mac and Cheese Restaurant is scheduled to open in August. The paving contract was awarded for Main Street, North and South Avenue and the DOT will be contacted to finalize the schedule which will be done in six phases. The DOT does have all the event dates for the summer and they said they would do their best to work around those dates but could not commit to night paving.

Carmen Gumina said the School District has the new budget and it is below the tax cap. The school is projecting a 1.97% tax increase. Penfield Town, Webster Town, Webster Village and the School District got together and all wrote an article which will be published in the Herald regarding shared services such as fuel, paving or equipment

and this saves money so we can design budgets below the tax cap. The School district vote will be on May 19, 2015 in the Schroeder High School gymnasium.

Motion to end the meeting- moved by John Cahill; seconded by Ginny Nacy- all approved.

Meeting Adjourned: Carmen Gumina adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2015 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber Offices

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, WCCED
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