

Webster Economic Development Alliance

Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2015

PRESENT:

Carmen Gumina, Ron Nesbitt, Greg Chambery, Ginny Nacy, Pat Murray, Tim Mason, Mike O'Connor and Matt Chatfield

Carmen Gumina welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said the Agenda will consist of two items; Financial and ABC.

Financial Report:

Pat Murray reviewed the financial report for the months of September and October 2015. Approval of Financial report – moved by Ron Nesbitt; seconded by Ginny Nacy; – all approved.

Staff Activity Report:

Matt Chatfield presented the draft document for the America's Best Communities Prize Competition that will be submitted on November 6, 2015. He stressed the fact that this is a working document for the Alliance and it is not the final creation. He said the draft submission for this particular grant shows where we are today and will also put us in line for other funding opportunities and future grants. The document will also chart the direction for the Alliance. Matt said he would like to continue to work on the document and receive input and feedback over the next two months.

Matt explained of the eight projects that came out of the ABC Prize Competition Community Investment Summit meeting the one chosen for submission was the Community Environment Education Network because it was felt that it had the best chance to move forward in this particular competition to receive the \$100 thousand dollar prize.

Matt said the full draft document encompasses the future direction of the organization and it crystallizes everything the Alliance has been working on in the last 2 years. He summarized the industrial marketing strategy speaks to what has been done with the cold water project. The community marketing strategy speaks to what has been done with the Chamber and the Community of Choice document. The Village revitalization streetscape improvements have already been awarded a grant. The waterfront improvements process has also been started with Sandbar Park in hopes of receiving a grant in December. He said we are submitting the whole document to hopefully win the

three million dollar prize to implement as much of these projects as we can. Over the next couple of months the Board of Directors will work to determine which projects to move forward with as priority for 2016 because all of them cannot be progressed at once.

The ABC submission document was reviewed and critiqued by all attendees and some changes were recommended. All agreed that the document is truly a road map for the Webster Economic Development Alliance and it portrays a definition of what the Alliance is about.

Meeting Adjourned: Carmen Gumina adjourned the meeting at 8:19 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2015 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber Offices

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, WCCED
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