

Webster Economic Development Alliance

Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2016

PRESENT:

Carmen Gumina, Ron Nesbitt, John Cahill, Robyn Whittaker, Matt Chatfield, Pat Murray, Barry Howard

Carmen Gumina welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meetings held on January 7, 2016 and February 4, 2016 were reviewed with no changes. Approval of the minutes – moved by John Cahill; seconded by Ron Nesbitt - all approved.

Financial Report:

Pat Murray reviewed the financial report for the February 2016. Approval of Financial report – moved by John Cahill; and seconded by Ron Nesbitt – all approved.

Staff Activity Report:

Matt Chatfield provided an activity update for the month of February. He said he had discussions with Webster Hockey League regarding the opportunity of a new 2-sheet ice arena at the Xerox West Campus. He said the site may be part of a larger athletics/recreation and wellness complex.

Matt started a revitalization vision for the Harmony House in the Village of Webster. This site was named as a potential catalyst in the ABC Community Investment Strategy. He said it would be great as a live entertainment venue for theatre, music or as restaurant because it has a revamped kitchen on the lower level. He said there are many possibilities for Harmony House such as conferences, weddings, and meetings.

Matt said the April Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, April 5, 2016. He said guest speakers will be Vinnie Esposito and Mark Peterson.

Round Table:

Board members were provided an opportunity to discuss relevant topics of concern within their organization.

Robyn Whittaker discussed the pending 2016 activity schedule for the BID, including a 2 day Jazz festival with an inside venue with the possibility of a wine walk. She said there will not be a Village Days but the concerts and movies in the park are scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays from June until the end of August. She said the actual schedule will be out soon.

Barry Howard from the Webster Chamber of Commerce said they will begin a Visitor Bureau in Webster.

Ron Nesbitt said new businesses are coming to the Town of Webster such as 5 Below, Yankee Candle, and CORE restaurant. He said the Waterfront Arts Festival will return this summer at the North Ponds Park on July 29-30.

John Cahill said the Village is working on the new budget for 2016 and also union negotiations.

Carmen Gumina said the School is also working on the budget for 2016.

Meeting Adjourned: Carmen Gumina adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – 7:30 A.M. / meeting place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, WCCED
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