

**Agenda for the Monthly Meeting
of the
BARABOO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mission Statement:

*To provide intellect, vision, and advocacy for community development;
To serve as a catalyst for diverse economic growth*

Date and Time: **Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

Location: Baraboo Municipal Building
101 South Blvd.
Room 205
Baraboo, WI 53913

Members Noticed: John Alt, Chair, Jim Bowers, Vice-Chair, Musa Ayar, Secretary, Nanci Caflisch, Dave Johnson, Lori Mueller, Mike Palm, Tim Reppen, Haley Ryan, Dave Taylor, Laura Walczak, Carolyn Wastlund, Ed White

Others Noticed: Kennie Downing, Brenda Zeman, Mike Hardy, Tom Pinion, Jim Michaels, Mark Schauf, Kevin Stieve, Jessica Bergin, Jenny Erickson, Baraboo Chamber of Commerce President, Patrick Cannon and the Media

- a) **Call Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with the Open Meeting Law**
- b) **Roll Call**
- c) **Approve Agenda**
- d) **Approve Minutes**
February 6, 2020
- e) **Public Comment/Business Tour**
- f) **Old Business**
 - a. Update on Development Activities Downing
 - b. Update on Plan Commission and Council Palm
 - c. Updates from economic development partners and collaborators Representatives
 - d. Establishing 2020 goals for BEDC Al
- g) **New Business**
None
- h) **Update Partner Presentation Schedule** Bowers
- i) **Commissioner and City Staff comments** All
- j) **Adjournment**

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Agenda Prepared by Patrick Cannon on 2/28/2020.

Agenda Posted by DMM on 2/28/2020

Future meeting dates: Thursday, April 2, 2020

5:30 PM

Commission members are asked to notify the chairperson at least 24 hours before the meeting if they **will not** be able to attend this meeting.

Baraboo Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2020

I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Vice-Chair Jim Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, room 205, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

II. Roll Call

Present: Bowers, Ayar, Johnson, Mueller, Palm, Reppen, Taylor, Walczak, Wastlund

Absent: Alt, Caflisch, Ryan, White

Other: Kennie Downing, Patrick Cannon

III. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Johnson (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for December 5, 2019 and January 2, 2020 with minor adjustments

Johnson (1); Reppen (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

V. Public Comment

No one from the public wished to speak

VI. Old Business

a. Updates on Development Activities

- Mayor Palm updated on the following:
 - The State DOT will be reconstruction sidewalk ramps on HWY 113 & 136 in 2020 & 2021.
 - He served on a Review Committee for State Road projects. They had more applications than funding.
 - Bike Wisconsin will be in Baraboo in June. They will be staying at the Civic Center
 - The Chamber held an update on the local economy. There are over 1235 businesses with in the zip code
 - The Mayor also attended an economic update put on by the Department of Revenue
 - The City has placed the other members of the Baraboo Ambulance District of its intention to explore other service options.
- Mr. Johnson that Ag prices are realistic and that the trade agreements will not start until later in the year.
- Mr. Taylor indicated that the banking industry is very strong at this time.
- Ms. Wastlund indicated that the CDA has granted a loan to the Al. Ringling Brewing Company.
- Ms. Mueller gave an update on the School remodeling project.
- Mr. Reppen indicated that the County has several issues that they are addressing.
- Dr. Ayar indicated that over all Higher Education is struggling with enrollment
- Mr. Bowers indicated that nothing significant has happened in the Village. He also indicated that a fundraiser was help for the homeless shelter.

VII. New Business

a. Establishing 2020 Goals for BEDC

The Mayor updated the Board on the areas of housing and what vacant parcels are available within the City.

The question of changing to bi-monthly meetings was approached and will be included on the agenda for the March meeting.

VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule

No additional comments were provided.

VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments

No additional comments were provided.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:49 pm.

Johnson (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers
Vice-Chairperson

Patrick Cannon
Recorder