

Baraboo Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2017

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

Chair Jim Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Room 12 of the Civic Center, 124 2nd St., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

II. Roll Call

Present: Bowers, Jelle, Umhoefer, Bingle, Caflich, Reppen, Taylor, Wastlund, White

Absent: Alt, Ayar, Johnson, Palm

Other: Patrick Cannon, Meg Allen

III. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Umhoefer (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for June 1, 2017

Jelle (1); Umhoefer (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

V. Public Comment

No comments were made as Mr. Johnson was absent from the meeting

VI. Old Business

a. Updates on Development Activities

Members gave a brief summary on the following items:

1. The new Dominos building is now open. They will be looking for additional tenants to lease the vacant space
2. The construction of the new Public Safety-City Hall building continues on schedule.

b. Updates from Plan Commission and Council

BEDC was updated on the following:

1. The city council met previously and worked on their long term goals

c. Update from economic development partners and collaborators

1. Mr. White indicated that SCDC has completed its workforce study
 - a. SCDC has completed numerous BRE visits in Baraboo and within the County
 - b. WEDC Board met today at the Driftless Glen
2. Ms. Caflich noted the economic summit that was previously held and a second meeting is planned
 - a. The Circus Parade has received some national news coverage
3. Ms. Wastlund Indicated that the CDA has provided a loan to Omni Chemicals
 - a. The CDA will also be installing a new roof on the Donahue Terrace Apartment building
4. Mr. Bowers Updated the board on the County meeting regarding their Place Making study
 - a. He wanted to know when the Business Walk results would be available
5. Ms. Allen on behalf of the Library Board reported on the Sauey Family Foundation meeting
 - a. It was also noted that Madison College is completing a needs assessment

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Update Partner Project Schedule

Ms. Jelle provided several potential speakers for the Board to consider. This includes Sherriff Meister and a speaker from the Veteran Equine Trail Service organization.

IX. Commissioner and City Staff comments

Mr. Bingle indicated that he has some questions on the Eastside Corridor Study. He also indicated that the County Place Making Study has several good ideas to be considered.

Mr. Bowers indicated that the Gander Mountain store will remain open but under a different name. He also indicated that the fireworks store to be located at the old Shoe Box site is not been approved.

Mr. Bowers also discussed a public market concept being approved in Madison.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:30 pm

Umhoefer (1); Wastlund (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon
Recorder