

Culver Redevelopment Commission
March 18, 2019

1. Roll Call. Rich West, Sally Ricciardi, Sue McInturff, Tom Yuhas, Karen Shuman and Paul de Benedictis were present at 5:00 PM.
2. Pledge. The pledge of allegiance was led by the CRC President, Mr. West.
3. Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve the February 2019 minutes was made by Mr. Yuhas and seconded by Ms. McInturff. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Financial Report. The February 2019 financial report was discussed. Mr. West noted that the March 2019 cash flow statement was being revised and would be sent once it is updated. Ms. McInturff made a motion to accept the February 2019 financial report, the motion was seconded by Ms. Ricciardi. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Town Manager Report.
 1. Sand Hill. Mr. Jonathan Leist reported the Sand Hill ribbon cutting is now on track for late spring. Timing may coincide with ground breaking for The Paddocks.
 2. Jefferson Street & Rt 10 Sidewalks. Survey work for the Jefferson Street project (curbs, trail, lighting) is progressing; Mr. Leist reported the town has been in contact with the owner of the mobile park to discuss removal/disposal of remaining trailers. The Rt 10 sidewalk project was discussed, Mr. Leist will confirm back to the CRC the status/requirement for some recent commercial properties to put in sidewalks on their land.
 3. 415 Lakeshore Dr. No change to the town demolition action for 415 Lakeshore Dr.; it is delayed due to an appeal filed to stop the town's actions.
 4. Commercial property possible acquisition. Mr. West informed the CRC that the owners of the commercial property at 530 South Ohio Street, Culver (f.k.a. Vongarde Brewery; Evil Czech) has approached the town about donating the building. This is in the preliminary stage and there are costs that the town would incur with the donation. Mr. West noted the property is in the TIF; after a discussion there was consensus that the CRC should be involved in the cost of acquisition as well as final designation for the purpose of the property.
6. Old Business.
 1. Broadband. Mr. Yuhas led a discussion about the Mediacom broadband bash event held this month. Mr. Yuhas reviewed the various telecom providers in the area to highlight our limited broadband selection. The CRC has been looking for reliable broadband service (fiber) for the local business community since 2014. Mr. Yuhas reviewed Mediacom's plan for public access wifi in the town (downtown, uptown, park) and is working with them to ensure appropriate coverage. The Marshall County Broadband Readiness Plan (County Connections Grant) was discussed. It was agreed that Mr. de Benedictis would be one of the Culver members on the project.

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2. Facade Grants. Mr. Yuhas proposed an amendment to the the Facade Grant Program. The amendment removes the application limitation of once a year per business for Facade grant funds but keeps in place the maximum dollar limit per business, per year for those funds. Mr. Yuhas made a motion to accept the amendment, Ms. Ricciardi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. Mr. Yuhas also volunteered to work with Ms. Mavrick of the Visitor's Bureau to develop an appropriate "window cling" sign for each Facade Grant recipient to display. Mr. West recommended adding "Barn Quilts" to the Facade Grant program as the information from the county tourism bureau indicates they are a draw for tourism.
 3. MCEDC. The MCEDC residence guide is near completion. Mr. West recommended a revision to the payment schedule of the CRC/MCEDC contract to better reflect the nature of the agreement. Mr. West made a motion to change the annual payment schedule from a single, one time payment of \$20,000 due in February to two, semi annual payments of \$10,000 each to be made in February and August. Ms. McIntruff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
7. New Business.
1. Tuition Program. Mr. West led a discussion about a possible tuition program or "pathway" for CRC to support workforce recruitment/development in Culver. Ms. Shuman talked about the need for teachers and how such a program may help. Others discussed training/intern opportunities with employers such as Elkay, the contractual aspects of a tuition/training program and using the coming recruiting programs for retiring military personnel. Consensus was reached that a working group of Mr. West, Ms. Shuman and Mr. de Benedictis should look at the opportunity further and report back to the CRC.
 2. School bus stop cameras. Ms. Shuman reported that an anonymous donor has funded cameras for 4 buses and state legislation requires cameras on all new buses. Both of those actions provide the Culver schools with enough camera coverage for all routes on state roads and highways. No further action by the CRC was deemed necessary.
8. Citizen Input. Mr. Chet Marshall provided written input re: Mediacom broadband bash event and that was part of the broadband discussion.
9. Member Comments. None.
10. Adjourn to Claims. A motion was made by Mr. Yuhas to adjourn to claims, Ms. Ricciardi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul de Benedictis
CRC Secretary