

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Thursday, August 18th, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn City Hall, 2nd floor Conference Room

Members: Mayor Katie Gallagher, Chair (excused absence)
Treasurer John Wittine
Secretary Kathleen Pucci
Member Deborah Tomusko
Andris Celcherts

Staff: Andi Udris, Director, Economic Development, City of Brooklyn, OH
Kevin Butler, Director, Law Department, City of Brooklyn, OH

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. It was recorded that Ms. Gallagher was an excused absence. No proxy had been designated.

The first order of business was the review of the minutes of the last meeting on June 30th, 2016. The minutes were reviewed and an amendment was proposed by Kathy Pucci requesting that a copy of any proxies be attached to the minutes when distributed to members. The amendment was accepted and the revised minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

The second order of business was a brief discussion regarding the IKEA project site and its wetlands designation. Mr. Udris announced that it had enlisted the services of outside legal counsel with the approval of the Mayor and Law Director and that Mr. Chris Jones, attorney with the law firm of Calfee Halter, and currently serving as the City's counselor regarding the landfill matters, was asked to review the current situation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their denial of a construction permit for the IKEA store. Mr. Jones had recommended that a new wetland study be undertaken on a portion, if not all of the site, to get a second opinion on the actual delineation. Based upon this information, the City administration was going to proceed to undertake this second analysis and the CIC was therefore made aware of its actions.

The third order of business was a brief review of the two "City Center" responses for Request for Qualifications on project as generally described in the 2006 Master Plan. The Geis Companies and Weston Inc. were the only two responders from a solicitation of 14 local and national firms that had related experience for projects of this type. The Board reviewed the suggested Scoring Sheet as presented by Mr. Udris and would use this as a guide to evaluate the qualifications of the two firms. Mr. Udris asked that the Board read each presentation and schedule a meeting with both firms to evaluate their qualifications further. The meetings would be scheduled the week of the 28th of August.

The fourth order of business was to review the current status of various economic development projects.

No specific actions were taken at the meeting.

The last order of business was to adjourn the meeting. Deb Tomusko made the motion to adjourn and Andris Celcherts seconded the motion. All members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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