

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916
Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013

The meeting, held in Room 54 at the Municipal Building, 205 S. Lincoln Avenue, was called to order at 5:30 by Chairperson Robert Ballweg.

Other Board /Commission /Committee members present: Alderpersons Mick Fischer and Teresa Hiles-Olson, and Citizen-at-Large members Brenda Kuhl and Brad Kulka.

Absent and excused were: Alderpersons Mick McConaghy and Donna Maly, and Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Philip Fritsche.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Mayor Kennedy, City Attorney Maryann Schacht, Director of Administration John Somers, Ben Rueter of Madison Newspapers, Craig Warmbold of Good Karma Broadcasting, and Engineering Coordinator Ritchie Piltz.

1.) Approve minutes of the June 25, 2013 meeting.

A Motion was then made by Hiles-Olson, seconded by Kulka and unanimously carried approving the minutes of the June 25, 2013 Community Development Committee meeting.

2.) Downtown Grant Program.

Ballweg presented a draft of the Downtown Grant Guidelines with highlighted sections previously amended by this Committee or John Somers. The Grant program would exclude those properties used as residential. Kuhl asked if residential properties could be added at a later date. Fischer asked if these funds would supplement other funds available. The thought was that this grant would supplement other funds. It was the consensus of the Committee to exclude residential properties but if funds remained a Phase 2 round of applications could be submitted for residential use. Discussion transpired relative to establishing the target area of properties to be eligible for grant funds. It was agreed upon to use the Downtown Redevelopment District boundaries as the target area. It was also agreed upon that projects receiving grant funds are to be completed within a 6 month time frame with the opportunity for those projects to receive a time extension. Fischer suggested that funds should be used for infrastructure improvements within TIF 6. Ballweg stated that language was added to allow the Common Council, by resolution, to suspend the grant program and use the funds for other purposes. The Committee also agreed that applications could be administered through the Landmark Commission. After further discussion it was recommended that this item be forwarded to the next Landmark Commission meeting for their review and action, and be placed on a future CDC agenda for further action and possible approval.

3.) Future Agenda Items.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2013.

4.) Adjournment

By order of the Chairperson the Community Development Committee meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ritchie Piltz, Engineering Coordinator
Recording Secretary