

A meeting of the Community Development Authority (CDA) was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on January 17, 2012 by Holm, chairperson. All members were present including; Tina Chitwood, RCEDC and Gordon Svendsen, Executive Director.

Hrupka moved Daley seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012 meeting as presented. Carried.

Suhr moved Hrupka seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2011 joint Plan Commission and CDA Meeting. Carried.

Aimone reported there has been some interest in the vacant land at 1015 State, the old Village Municipal Building and DPW. The interested party would like to build a walk in VA Clinic on that property with a 8,500 sq. ft. building and enough parking for 85 cars. Aimone stated there is not enough room on that property so they are looking at the old CPI building across the street at 1006 State Street. They would potentially tear down the "bowling alley" building and use that area for parking and remodel the other building for the clinic. Aimone also had another interested party looking to build townhomes on the 1015 property. What we needed to decide was whether or not we are interested in commercial or residential on that property? After some discussion it was decided housing would be the best fit for that property. Aimone asked Chitwood to put together a letter that "sells" Union Grove for the VA Clinic, telling them all the new things taking place within the Village. Svendsen asked the clerk to contact the assessor to have him give a fair market assessment of the property at 1015 State Street. Aimone also reported the senior housing for the other CPI property was on "life support" at the moment. The survey that was sent out received a good response with 12% return, but not enough commitment to go along with the project....so they thought. Now the developers are looking to put in a 24 unit building to begin with and a possible expansion at a later date.

Holm had a suggestion for the sign posts that sit on the old Chartier property. She had stated that North Cape Lutheran Church just put up some new ones and they look excellent. She would like to see something similar in that location. After some discussion, Aimone asked that Osmundsen re-work the layout of the park and come up with a new layout where something like the new sign posts would fit in. It was suggested that possible trees be planted along the south side of the property to cover the wall of the building at 1005 Main Street. Holm suggested nothing too full since she would like to use that park for the Farmer's Market if it grows larger, but would like to see trees and bushes planted in there.

Façade grant sits at 18,061.04. Chitwood expressed interest in marketing a brochure to sell the façade grant. It was suggested that certain properties be visited and handed the brochure with a complete explanation of the program. The businesses that were decided on were as follows: Talmer Bank, Coal Miner's, Raly Properties, U.G. True Value Lumber Yard and the old Fortier Building. The clerk will get names, addresses and phone numbers for the properties. Also discussed were different types of financing, interest free or low cost loans and rental assistance.

Daley move Suhr seconded a motion to adjourn. Carried.

Liz Schwertfeger