

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Teresa Whalen, Suzanne Tyler, Janet Tallman (by phone for health reasons), John Gable, Linda Marcella, Rich Larkin

Guests: none

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 10:10

Agenda:


- Approve Minutes
- Old Business
 1. Grant effort updates
 2. Review of Chamber Draft for WEDC efforts
 3. ? Request for review of Warrensburg Strategic Plan
 4. Past discussions? That have been tabled
- New Business
 1. Rotation of Meeting Chairs and goal of this
 2. How to involve the business community and have two meetings a year w/everyone
 3. Open discussion
- Adjourn




Approve Minutes

- December minutes amended for clarity and will be sent via email for approval within the week

Old Business


1. Grant updates
 - i) Kevin Geraghty was sending out letter for request for exit interview to learn why we didn't get CDBG grant and what we can do to improve eligibility for next submission; update expected soon; Rich to f/u w/Kevin
 - ii) We intend to re-apply with Flatley Reed assistance; understanding of committee based on Flatley Reed comments is they will assist for no charge
 - iii) Suzanne Tyler and Janet Tallman to draft letter by Wednesday for Rich to present at Town Board meeting
 - iv) Question raised by Teresa and group as to what program Flatley Reed assisted Corinth with since they were awarded \$300K
 - v) Add'l grant requests (Main St, GF Transit) status pending
 - vi) GIGP grant focusing on parking issues, state funded, Hudson Falls got a few yrs ago to construct circle; Suzanne to talk to Ethan regarding above and for general information
 - vii) Teresa updated us on Erin Tobin of AARCH – awarded grants of \$750K – this would be good to share with homeowners to encourage them to use in our community
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2. Review of Chamber Draft

- December minutes amended for clarity and will be sent via email for approval within the week
 - i) Draft #3 will be sent by Suzanne soon to committee members for final input; comments due back **BEFORE** next EDC meeting February 6th
 - ii) Suzanne will chair next meeting to focus on this letter so it can be presented to Town Board for their awareness
 - iii) Linda Marcella commented we aim to be in alignment with Town in our letter and to be brief, crossing out anything in current draft that doesn't apply

3. Strategic Plan:

- i) Discussion of Strategic Plan vs. Comprehensive Plan and differences, reason for each
 - ii) General consensus is that Comprehensive Plan lays out our vision/ideal for what we want the town to be overall; Strategic Plan also important as a separate tool that lays out a 20-year roadmap of how to get there
 - iii) Feeling is we don't have a Strategic Plan, or it possibly is not in alignment; consensus was it is important to have alignment for economic development overall, but tabled for future discussion and specific action plan
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New Business

1. Rotating Chair of Meetings

- i) Purpose is to highlight other priorities we voted on in 2022 for Committee; even months will be for priority chair to host/chair, odd months will be for Rich as overall Chairperson of the EDC Committee to keep us on track and provide oversight
- ii) Feb meeting is already identified to highlight Chamber Draft letter of EDC Vision and Mission
- iii) Teresa is chair of subcommittee/priority of Video – Suzanne Tyler has contact for Warren County video and possible tie in to our Warrensburg centric video; Suzanne will forward contact to Teresa for work on that priority; John Gable to assist
- iv) Linda Marcella will chair a meeting on her subcommittee/priority of Sr Housing/Affordable Housing
- v) Janet Tallman will chair meeting for her subcommittee/priority of Grant updates; e.g. Main St grant
- vi) Suzanne Tyler is chair of subcommittee/priority of Communication, assisted by John Gable

2. Rich prioritized need for communication and interaction with business community 2x/year;

- (1) Suzanne and John discussed Chamber mixer and that this is in alignment with Rich's comments
- (2) Linda asked if it would be social or forum based; Suzanne pointed out each has different benefit and prep work and format of presentation; consensus of committee was that (a) John & Suzanne will address at Chamber board meeting, (b) we will plan to have it now that we are past COVID fear/disruption and (c) venue tbd – including suggestions by Teresa that Belle Tyniec of Junk & Java has offered to host and by Janet to have at Pavilion near Community Gardens (warmer weather needed)



3. General Comments:

- i) Teresa mentioned that lots of \$ awarded to Albany & Cohoes for historic buildings that are on the historical Register; while they are certainly justified, we also have legitimate claim on those funds and that lesson learned from Cohoes, etc is that it takes LOTS OF repeated applications before success is the apparent rule

Meeting adjourned 11:25

Next meeting February 6th, 2023 10 am Town Hall

