

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Development & Planning (D&P)
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: January 27, 2015

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Heuerman``	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Rutz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John O'Boyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Dittmar		

A quorum was established.

Other Board members:

Others: Linda Delvaux, Lisa McCarthy, Dan Reimer and Katherine Walker

1. **Review and approve minutes for the committee meeting of November 25, 2014 meeting – Steve Rutz made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 committee meeting. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion passed.**
2. **Citizens' Comments**
3. **Staff Reports**
 - a) **Building & Zoning**
 - i. **Monthly Report** – Linda Delvaux commented on the report that was included in the committee packet.
 - b) **Economic Development**
 - i. **CVB Monthly Report** – Katherine Walker distributed copies of the new State of Illinois tourism guide. Illinois Governor's Conference on Tourism is Feb. 2 – 4, 2015. The CVB is continuing talks with Visit Galena. The CVB is producing a new activity guide which will be available soon.
 - ii. **TCEDA Monthly Report** – Lisa McCarthy reviewed a handout and provided an update on economic development activities..
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **FY2014 Strategic goals**
 - b) **Update on Enterprise Zone** – Merri Berlage attended the Enterprise Zone Board meeting on January 26th. The Pearl Valley Farms E-zone application was submitted to the state and has been processed. Berlage noted that Pearl Valley Farms is on the leading edge of egg production and a top producer in the region. The expansion is a real bonus for them. They discussed the new Enterprise Zone application and are going to contact the communities to see what areas they would like to include. Berlage will contact the mayors to see if they would designate areas in their municipalities that they would like to see in the Enterprise Zone and see if they would like to apply with the county. The E-zone Board discussed the Sunflower project and this item will be included on the next meeting agenda. It was a good meeting with lots of good conversation and discussion. There were 96 applications for 49 Enterprise Zone designations.
 - c) **Discussion and possible action regarding the Jo Daviess County CEDS Committee** – Merri Berlage reported that State's Attorney Hay recommended that the CEDS Committee not be combined with the Development & Planning Committee.
 - d) **Update from Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee**
5. **New Business**

- a) **Discussion on text amendments from the Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee** – A draft of proposed text amendments from the Zoning Ad-hoc Committee was included in the committee packet. Linda Delvaux will take her findings back to the Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee and proceed from there.
- b) **Discussion on festival/events from Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee** –Delvaux reported that she plans to meet with staff and other departments to discuss festivals and events and take any findings or recommendations back to the Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee for review.
- c) **Discussion and possible action on a Resolution to authorize an amendment to intergovernmental agreement for the operation of an Enterprise Zone for the purpose of expanding the Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone to include Swift Hospitality Group contingent upon outcome of the Public Hearing scheduled for February, 2015.** – This is a resolution that came before the Enterprise Zone Board to include the Swift Hospitality Group proposal in the Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone. The project will include 53 units - 32 are independent living and 21 are private memory care for Alzheimer’s patients. There is a 17 stall attached garage unit as well. There will be 20 to 30 health care professionals, culinary, maintenance and support positions for full-time employees. **RJ Winkelhake made a motion to approve a Resolution to authorize an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement for the operation of an Enterprise Zone for the purpose of expanding the Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone to include Swift Hospitality Group contingent upon outcome of the Public Hearing scheduled for February 2015. Seconded by Steve Rutz and motion passed.**
- d) **Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance amending the boundaries of the joint City of Freeport-County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone to include Swift Hospitality Group contingent upon outcome of the Public Hearing scheduled for February, 2015.** **RJ Winkelhake made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the boundaries of the joint City of Freeport-County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone to include Swift Hospitality Group contingent upon outcome of the Public Hearing scheduled for February 2015. Seconded by Robert Heurman and motion passed.**
6. **Other Business** – Ron Smith and Merri Berlage attended the UCCI meeting in Springfield on January 26th. Smith discussed a handout that he received from the Governor’s presentation at the UCCI meeting.
7. **Citizens’ Comments**
8. **Board Member Concerns**

The next Development & Planning Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Rutz made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm, seconded by John O’Boyle and motion passed.