

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Development & Planning (D&P)
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: March 24, 2015

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Heuerman``	<input 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, Mike Dittmar, Lisa McCarthy, Dan Reimer.

1. **Review and approve minutes for the June 17, 2014 Development & Planning Committee meeting – John O'Boyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 Development & Planning Committee meeting. Seconded by Steve Rutz and motion passed.**
2. **Review and approve minutes for the October 8, 2014 Development & Planning Committee meeting – Robert Heuerman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 Development & Planning Committee meeting. Seconded by John O 'Boyle and motion passed.**
3. **Review and approve minutes for the February 24, 2015 Development & Planning Committee meeting – Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 Development & Planning Committee meeting. Seconded by Robert Heuerman and motion passed.**
4. **Citizens' Comments** – Mike Dittmar, Mayor of Elizabeth, commented on the Thomson Prison billboard campaign promoting Jo Daviess County and commented on the one voice unification that is being discussed with the Galena/Jo Daviess County CVB and VisitGalena.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **FY2014 Strategic goals**
 - b) **Update on Enterprise Zone** – Merri Berlage discussed the progress of the East Dubuque application for inclusion in the Freeport/Stephenson Enterprise Zone.
 - c) **Discussion and possible action regarding the Jo Daviess County CEDS Committee** – The committee discussed the Jo Daviess County CEDS Committee and would like to review the pros and cons of a local CEDS Committee. Merri Berlage suggested inviting Teresa Wittenauer, Executive Director from Blackhawk Hills Regional Council to attend the next Development & Planning Committee meeting in April or ask Theresa to email information on the Regional CEDS Committee. Berlage also suggested that the current committee chairman of our Jo Daviess County CEDS Committee be invited to the next meeting and to include the current CEDS resolution in the committee packet for next month.
 - d) **Update from Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee** – Linda Delvaux reported that the Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Hanover office. The last item to be reviewed is Festivals and Events. Last month the committee met and discussed some pros and cons and needs of each of the departments in reference to this item. Delvaux prepared a draft document which is at the State's Attorney office for review. This last item will be addressed at the committee meeting on April 21st.
 - e) **Discussion and possible action concerning billboard advertising per County mayors meeting** – Mike Dittmar handed out information and presented the Village of Elizabeth proposal to market Jo Daviess County to the employees of the Thomson prison. The proposal

is to engage in a billboard sign campaign for 12 months with a message encouraging Thomson Prison workers to move to Jo Daviess County. The sign will be in 12 different locations throughout Thomson, Fulton Clinton and Morrison area. It will be in place one per month. The sign will direct people to a “landing” web page. This web-page will have additional information for Elizabeth, Hanover, Jo Daviess County and other communities if available. The “landing” page will have additional inks to Hanover and Elizabeth’s specific Thomson Prison page. **Rick Dittmar made a motion to provide 25% of the total cost (\$2,112.50) for a one year Thomson Prison billboard campaign with reference to Jo Daviess County to be paid from the Jo Daviess County Economic Development Investment Fund. Seconded by John O’Boyle and motion passed.**

6. New Business

7. Staff Reports

a) Building & Zoning

- i. **Monthly Report** – Linda Delvaux reported that her office continues to work with the States Attorney’s office on several ongoing investigations into nuisance/zoning violations. Building permits were down in February. They are working with TKI and IEI barge on their upcoming construction projects. Guest Accommodations are completed for the 2015 year except for a few stragglers. The new Guest Accommodations software program is up and running. Delvaux plans to run the old and new program simultaneously for a period of time. Delvaux reported she is investigating other possible options of electronic payment. They currently use E-Pay and are looking into Municipay and GovPayNet. A draft on the last remaining item from the Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee’s list for review is currently on the State’s Attorneys desk. Delvaux also handed out information from the City of Rockford regarding a unified building code and will give the committee an update at the April Development & Planning Committee meeting.

b) Economic Development

- i. **CVB Monthly Report** – Merri Berlage reported that the CVB will be discussing the One Voice proposal at their next meeting.
- ii. **TCEDA Monthly Report** – Lisa McCarthy, TCEDA Executive Director reported that the Thomson prison has hired just over 145 employees. A Chamber event designed to showcase the surrounding communities to the prison employees will be held on April 16 from 3-5 pm. TCEDA is currently assisting a local business with a 0% loan through USDA Rural Development. A business in Dubuque is looking to expand in our region. TCEDA is currently assisting five existing businesses with expansion or location to our region; four are in Jo Daviess County. TCEDA submitted a proposal to DCEO for a query regarding a foreign manufacturer locating in Savanna. TCEDA and the LRA are scheduling meetings with the property owners at the Savanna Depot to determine their intentions for development on the properties they purchased. Another article will appear in the Telegraph Herald on the Robertshaw closure. Rep. Stewart introduced HB 2889 and Rep. Verschoore from the Quad Cities signed on as a sponsor; it has bipartisan support. The bill would change the law that requires an out-of-state option to help IL’s competitive position vs. neighboring states. Go to <http://witnessslips.ilga.gov> to fill out a witness slip. They also ask for support of HB 4055 for Liquor-Craft Distillers. The amendment is for the Liquor Control Act of 1934, which only allows for 2500 gallons to be sold. The amendment would increase that to 10,000. <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB405/2015>. TCEDA now has 31 rental listings on its public database of rental properties for our region. TCEDA’s Education/Workforce Development Committee completed a survey on internships, apprenticeship and summer job programs in our region. The Illinois Office of Trade & Investment’s schedule for 2015 is available. TCEDA’s 2015 Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Woodbine Bend Golf Course. The next TCEDA Board meeting is Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Il Bank & Trust, Galena.

8. Citizens' Comments – Mike Dittmar thanked the committee for supporting the billboard campaign.

9. Board Member Concerns

The next Development & Planning Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

John O'Boyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm, seconded by Rick Dittmar and motion passed.