

Minutes of the Buffalo Community Development Committee held June 24, 2024 at 6:00pm. Present members Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Trent Adams, Angela Gadzik, and Mallory Bartleson. Also present were Mayor Sally Rodriguez, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

CD Budget Report

Gadzik would like to see the full history of the committee, including the future expenses.

YMCA Summer Kids Camp

Gadzik reported that six kids went to camp last week and that there were several signed up for the July camp. There was a little difficulty with registration, but the committee was hoping that the process would improve after input was received.

Movies in the Park

The committee recommended hosting the events on the third Friday of July, August, and September at dusk. The committee would volunteer to sell items from the concession stand to raise funds for the park board. Movies would be sent out on Facebook for a vote to see what the top three movies were to show. The event is made possible by Assured Partners, Linwood Mining & Mineral, and Republic Services' generous donations.

Comprehensive Plan

The committee discussed the process and concerns. They requested the clerk reach out to Gena to get the editable current use map, so that we could make changes. Mallory Bartleson noted that any expansion to the north would overlap with Blue Grass school district, she just asked that officials be aware.

Front Street Project

The committee discussed potential grants and the applications along with the IDOT review.

Tax Abatement

The clerk explained that Dorsey would like to have a phone discussion to discuss a more detailed plan of what should be included in the tax abatement. The clerk will try to schedule a phone conversation with Dorsey and Whitney.

Beach improvements

Rachel Teel-Vanderpool said that she canvassed some families for their input about benches at the Veterans Memorial. Those canvassed expressed financial hardships with today's economy and said that at this time she didn't think there would be much individual funding for the memorial at this time. Gadzik said that she had a friend that did landscaping and had offered to put together a drawing. Committee agreed.

Mallory Bartleson suggested a sign on the beach indicating beach access might be beneficial to promote the usage.

The clerk reported that it would be \$600 to have the information reprinted and installed at the beach kiosk. Gadzik moved to have the signage replaced for \$600. Motion carried with no objection.

Boat Slips

The Committee asked Mayor Rodriguez if she had any response from the railroad regarding a request to open the Maple Street access as a public crossing. She said that she had not and suggested waiting until the committee had a plan and financing available. Adams responded that it didn't matter to him but thought that he would rather see if the project would be possible prior to putting the time and energy if there would be a possibility. Rodriguez asked if they would consider

Grants

The Committee discussed the potential of hiring a grant writer to obtain funding for their projects. There was discussion and no action taken.

Future Plans / Goals

Landscaping around City of Buffalo sign at Front Street and Dodge

BAC Business signs at Front Street and Dodge

Food Truck Battle

Franklin Street Parking

Buffalo Days

Culpepper and Merriweather Circus

Next meetings date

July 16, 2024

Adjourn

Motion by Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by Adams to adjourn at 7:43pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectively submitted by Tanna Leonard