

CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(DDRC) MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2016 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Mark Eckert	Present
Alderman Ken Kinsella, Chairman	Present
Jeff Renner	Present
Geri Boyer	Present
Michael Nester	Present
Steve Hemmer	Present
John Lengerman	Excused
Chuck Blanquart	Present
John Conkright	Present

STAFF:

Annissa McCaskill, Director of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department
Eric Schauster, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department
Jamie Maitret, Director of Finance

GUESTS:

Jane Pusa, Alderman-Ward 2
Scott Schmelzel, Belleville Main Street

The meeting of the Downtown Development/Redevelopment Committee (DDRC) was held at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall.

Chairman Kinsella called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and explained the emergency procedures.

Chairman Kinsella asked if there were any corrections to be noted for the November 23, 2015 meeting minutes. No corrections were made hence the minutes were approved by the Committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budgetary review

Jamie Maitret asked the Committee to review their budget for next year by February 22, 2016. She reminded them of the current budget and the revenue projected for next year including insurance.

There was an explanation and discussion on the Income Tax Levy which is the Area of Special Control or Special Service Area.

2. Discussion on Christkindlmarkt-2015

Mayor Eckert doesn't foresee any new huts being built for next year. There is an upcoming meeting that he will attend soon so he will have more information to share with the Committee at a later date.

There was a discussion on the barriers that were used this year; some people found them unsightly. Mayor Eckert said that staff is doing research on new ideas for next year and he will share this information with the Committee soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a discussion on the Meredith Home proposals. Mayor Eckert said that he will have more information available for the Committee by February 22, 2016.

A member asked about the decision made on liability in regards to businesses sustaining damage from parade attendees. Mayor Eckert said that he would look into it and get back to the Committee at a later date.

Mayor Eckert explained the timeline of the Police Station build and renovation of City Hall.

There was a discussion on the placement of security cameras in the downtown area. Trash cans have been knocked over and the Committee is concerned.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Eckert said that the Belleville Philharmonic is requesting funds to assist in creating a music CD for their 150th anniversary celebration. He will have more information available at a later date which he will share with the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Kinsella asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Geri Boyer. It was seconded by Chuck Blanquart. With all present members voting in the affirmative. Motion carried. 8-0.

Chairman Kinsella adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari L. Tutza

Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department