

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Pursuant to the call of the President, and notice duly given to the Board of Trustees, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centerville Community Improvement Corporation (CCIC) was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Centerville Municipal Building, Kingseed Law Library, 100 West Spring Valley Road, Centerville, Ohio 45458.

President JoAnne Rau called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Trustees were present as follows: Vice President Bill Serr, Secretary Belinda Kenley, Erik Farrell, and Wayne Davis. Also present were Development Director Erik Collins, Economic Development Administrator Joey O'Brien, Finance Director Tyler Roark, City Attorney Scott Liberman, and Clerk of Council Teri Davis (via remote).

Also in attendance were Scott Koorndyk from the Entrepreneur's Center and Bill Menker of Creativity Commons.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

The first order of business was to excuse absent members. Upon motion made by Mrs. Kenley and seconded by Mr. Davis, Mr. Sample and Mr. Klank were excused from the meeting with five ayes.

MINUTES

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, January 17, 2024; the minutes had been distributed to the Trustees prior to the session. Upon motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Davis, the minutes were approved with five ayes.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Menker spoke about the Maker Space located in the Rec Plex and operated by Washington-Centerville Library. He noted the center is focused on entrepreneurship and allows small businesses to access cutting edge equipment and technology and to conduct small-batch production. He added that the center also provides six business research databases, classes and workshops.

Mr. Menker advised that the Maker Space has outgrown its current location prompting the library to purchase a building to move the administrative offices into and to move forward on renovating the Centerville Library to house the Maker Space.

Mr. Koorndyk praised the Maker Space for providing a sense of place for entrepreneurs, for creating a node of activity, and for synergizing resources. He noted he is excited to partner with the Maker Space.

Mr. Collins remarked that the City is fortunate to have all these integrated pieces to encourage business success.

Trustees discussed costs associated with using the Maker Space, its successes, and the need to promote the center more.

Mr. Koorndyk and Mr. Menker left the meeting at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:15 p.m., Mr. Farrell made a motion to move into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance. Mr. Serr seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote.

At 6:40 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Kenley made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Application for Funding Review

1. 264 N. Main Street

Upon motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Serr, the application item was removed from the table.

Upon motion made by Mr. Serr and seconded by Mrs. Kenley, a \$5,000 Streetscape Fund grant was awarded.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 92 W. Franklin – requesting \$10,000 in Streetscape Funds.

Upon motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Davis, a \$10,000 Streetscape Fund grant was awarded.

2. Financial Update

Mr. O'Brien provided an overview of the Corporation's financial status. The current unencumbered funds for 2024 are approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Farrell left the meeting at this time.

3. Approve Checks

Upon motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Serr, payment of check #1554 in the amount of \$7,500 and check #1555 in the amount of \$50,000 was approved with four ayes.

4. Mrs. Rau asked about the status of the Residential Program. Mr. Collins advised it is still in the works.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, the President adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM. The next CCIC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

JoAnne Rau

President

ATTEST:

A Davis

Assistant Secretary