

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015 AT 7:30 A.M.
IN THE SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
SANDUSKY, OHIO**

PRESENT:

Members: Chairman Carl McGookey, Acting Secretary Mark Harrington, Lance Warner, Joe Hayberger, Judy Corso, Tim Schwanger, John Mears, Bill Semans, Steve Poggiali, John Lippus, Mike Zuilhof, David Miller.

Also present was City Manager, Eric Wobser, City Staff Employee Matt Lasko, and City Commissioner Julie Farrar.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 A.M. by Chairman McGookey.

**MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting had been circulated, and the minutes were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Harrington. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

Mr. Lasko, Chief Development Officer for the City reported that Bowling Green State University could not use the Sandusky Bay Pavilion for its original use intent but was entering a lease agreement with the City for use of the Big Island Waterworks. The lease agreement would be a two year lease with three one-year extension options. Member Mr. Miller questioned security concerns and was informed that security arrangements were being finalized with BGSU staff members. No after-hours entrance to the facility would be permitted without an approved staff member present.

Request for Proposals were received on the City's Strategic Master Plan. Six proposals were submitted. A selection committee composed of City Staff and Commissioners interviewed four of the firms. The firm, City Architecture was selected. A steering committee will be formed to assist in the process. The proposal provides for a comprehensive plan and a strategic plan with City Architecture subcontracting the strategic planning to Strategy Design Partners. Member Mr. Schwanger asked how the current City Charter Review process might work with this. Mr. Wobser suggested that we should look at this as dual process with the Charter Review Committee as the City will

be working closely with both committees. Member Mr. Warner asked if City street maps identifying weight limits and turn radius were included in this process. Member Mr. Zuilhof then asked if designated truck routes would be included. Mr. Wobser stated that he will refer these questions to the City Engineer's office but he believed that the firm does have this capability to address these issues.

Regarding the CP Causeway node project, Mr. Lasko stated that he would refer this matter to City Planning Director, Angie Byington.

OLD BUSINESS:

Member Mr. Warner reports that the Land Use Subcommittee is waiting for the weather to break before working on planning.

Member Mr. Schwanger inquires about the Stowe-Woodward property demolition on Water Street. Mr. Lasko reports that the work is being completed by the private owner of the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman McGookey asks that Mr. Klein be removed from the distribution listing.

Member Mr. Hayberger highlights a concern he has for pedestrian traffic at the Venice Road overpass junction. He notes that pedestrians in dark clothing are walking the road at night in dark clothing for lack of sidewalks. Mr. Wobser notes that the City has and will continue to focus on pedestrian pathways

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Firelands Forum for Economic Development has scheduled the forum on March 13, 2015 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Cedar Point Room of Firelands College of B.G.S.U. The Forum is free but preregistration must be completed by March 6, 2015 by calling 419-372-0777.

Member Ms. Corso reports that "Art Walk" will run from June through September.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

There was no community input.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 A.M. upon a motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Harrington. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Bayfront Corridor Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:30 A.M. in the City Commission Chambers.

Mark E. Harrington, Acting Secretary

Mission Statement: *The Bayfront Corridor Committee, a cross-section of community stakeholders serving at the pleasure of City Commission, reviews proposed waterfront development projects relative to adopted city plans and their benefit to the community and makes recommendations to the administration and City Commission with the purpose of maximizing the advantages of Sandusky's strategic location on Lake Erie.*