

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015 AT 7:30 A.M.
IN THE SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
SANDUSKY, OHIO**

PRESENT:

Members: Chairman Carl McGookey, Judy Corso, Ned Bromm, John Mears, Lance Warner, Bill Semans, Mike Zuilhof, Steve Poggiali, Joe Hayberger, Mark Harrington, Lance Warner, Dave Miller, Tim Schwanger, and Kevin Zeiher.

Also present were Ex-Officio Mayor and City Commissioner Dennis Murray, Jr., City Commissioner Wesley Poole, City Manager Eric Wobser, Director Aaron Kline, Director Matt Lasco and Planning Director Angie Byington and staff member Victoria Kurt.

Also present were members of the City of Sandusky Recreation Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 A.M. by Chairman McGookey.

**MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the June 4, 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 UPDATE AND
OLD BUSINESS**

City Planning Director Angie Byington reported that the Sandusky Pathway Node was on the to do list from Mr. Link for maintenance. However due to the severe storm last weekend and the rainfall over 4 inches that work had been delayed. The City was still awaiting notice on the grant for the Sandusky Bay Pavilion. Ms. Byington also discussed the recent cruise and the number of surveys that had been completed and which will be tallied and posted on the website. Upcoming neighborhood

meetings will also be sent to Mr. Zeiher for circulation to the members.

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager addressed the meeting with a discussion of the analysis of the future plans for the Sandusky Bay Pavilion. The property was not in good shape, with the mechanical failures and the danger of the 14' drop into the pool, it was not only a safety hazard but an attractive nuisance. In addition in light of the conditions of the grant the pool either needed to be reopened at a significant cost or closed. The city had received quotes from a contractor that had done other work for the City that the cost to demolish the structures and remove the pool and fill and reseed was in the neighborhood of \$120,000.00. Mr. Wobser reported that the Battery Park TIF will have approximately \$127,000.00 on account later this year and it was his recommendation that the City Commission solicit bids to undertake the project.

Ex-Officio Mayor Dennis Murray Jr. commented that in order to comply with the terms of the grant the property must be used as a public property. It was felt if the structures were demolished and the pool removed, filled and the area reseeded that it would be closer to being reused as a public place.

Mr. Schwanger inquired about a previous report that quotes were requested to repair the wave action pool. It was determined that alternative was too costly and not the best use of the property.

Mr. Wobser also stated that the upcoming events planned for the pavilion property this summer would go ahead with projected work not to begin until late summer or early fall with reseeding in the spring.

Rich Scheel pointed out that this was another example of the failure of the city to maintain its buildings and the loss of a swimming pool was a loss of another place for children of our community to swim.

Mr. Wobser commented that he has a history of preserving public buildings to maintain the heritage of the community, however not all buildings are created

equally and some such as the wave action pool in its condition do not fit the future plans for the city.

Mr. Warner made a motion to support the City Manger's recommendation to the City Commission to solicit bids for the demolition of the Sandusky Bay Pavilion and the wave action pool. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrington and was supported by a unanimous vote of the Bayfront Corridor Committee.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Mrs. Corso reported that the Art Walk is scheduled for this evening and Mr. Hayberger had circulated a flyer for a fundraising cruise for Firelands Positive People scheduled for August 9th from 4-6 pm aboard the Goodtime I.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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 August 6, 2015 at 7:30 AM in the City Commission Chambers.

Kevin J. Zeiher, 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.*