

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016 AT 7:30 A.M.
IN THE SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
SANDUSKY, OHIO**

PRESENT:

Members: Chairman Carl McGookey, Judy Corso, John Mears, Bill Semans, Mike Zuilhof, Dave Miller, Tim Schwanger, Mark Harrington, John Lippus, Steve Poggiali, and Secretary Kevin Zeiher.

Also present was City Commissioner Wes Poole, Planning Director Angie Byington, Planner Casey Sparks, Scot Schell, Jim Gerken, and Rick Scheel.

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

**MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting had been prepared by Mark Harrington, circulated, and upon Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Lippus, the minutes were approved as submitted.

STAFF UPDATE

City Planning Director Angie Byington reported on the CMAG Grant for City/Battery Park infrastructure and that the City had been in discussions with the Trust for Public Lands and a stake holder meeting will be scheduled for the first week of May to start the planning process.

Ms. Byington also reported that construction on the Jackson Street Pier project will be delayed until after Bike Week and that the Surf's Up property will be cleared by the end of April.

The City Wayfinding Project is under way and the Design Review Board will be reviewing signage and location of signs as well as Kiosk designs for the downtown at their next meeting.

Mr. Miller inquired about the current condition of the Surf's Up property and upcoming events scheduled for that location. Ms. Byington said that City Engineer Aaron Klein was aware of the upcoming events and had been planning to accommodate the events.

Mr. Lippus inquired about the seeding to be done to the park at the end of Jackson Street and Brad Link had advised that it would be done.

Mr. Zuilhof inquired about the damage done to the property at Big Island. Ms. Byington stated that although the City had issued permits several years ago for some dredging however, the activity reported was not included in any of those permits. The matter is under investigation.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schwanger inquired about the TIF revenue being used for work at the Chesapeake property to provide public access. Ms. Byington stated that the TIF funding could be used to improve the green space at the North West corner of the property and had heard that the relocation of the utilities at the front of the Chesapeake property to facilitate façade improvements was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee reviewed with Ms. Byington a portion of the Master Plan pertaining to the conceptual plan for the Iron District including the proposed single family housing, and the linear park depicted for Warren Street. The committee will consider another portion of the Master Plan at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Mr. Schell introduced Jim Gerken the new Executive Director of Sandusky Main Street Association. Mr. Miller mentioned that the parking lot near the baseball diamonds was to be resurfaced.

The committee discussed the recent comments made by Ex-Officio Mayor Dennis Murray reported in the *Sandusky Register* about Bike Week and the noise generated by that event causing him to reexamine the event continuing in Sandusky. After some discussion about the benefits of the event and a need for an ongoing discussion between the City and the event organizers to improve and address concerns and coordinate the approach to resolve those concerns.

Mrs. Corso mentioned that the Art Walk held annually during Bike Week was always the most successful of

the year. It was the consensus of the committee that a motion of support was in order.

It was moved by Mr. Schwanger to announce the Bayfront Corridor Committee's support for Bike Week. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Corso and unanimously adopted by the committee.

Rick Scheel reported that in his travels in the downtown area he had encountered some of the public restrooms on the waterfront in deplorable condition and presented photographs showing that condition. He also mentioned that he had observed debris including old tires being buried in a pit dug on the Big Island property. He encouraged the City to provide clean public restrooms during the winter months.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 A.M. upon a motion by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Lippus. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Bayfront Corridor Committee is scheduled for **May 5, 2016 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.