

Minutes from the Community Development Authority

January 21, 2014

6:00 Meeting called to order by Chairman Alder Dave Moon

Roll call: Alder Megan Cowan, Mary Pelton, Jason Schulte, James Urban & Don Hull. Absent: Kent Peshorn. Also present: City Administrator Ken Witt & Brian Duvall

Approval of 12/17/13 minutes: Motion by Cowan, seconded by Hull.

Motion Approved.

1. **Consider Reedsburg Downtown Business Incubator Plan**

Witt stated that there are few open downtown spaces right now, so it may not yet be needed. Cowan asked if it could be extended beyond downtown, which it could but may increase costs with larger spaces. Discussion was held on current vacancies, on marketing the program, and rental issues, which would be a three-way agreement between the tenant, owner and City. Discussion was held on the downtown boundaries, which the committee agreed should be between or bordering the area of Baraboo River – Locust St – Third St – Railroad St.

Motion by Hull, seconded by Schulte to put the concept in place.

Motion Approved.

2. **Consideration of Sauk County Arts Grant for local public art project.**

Witt stated that public art can create photo ops for tourists. Art could be purchased following the Farm Art Tour. Discussion was held on funding sources such as the Webb Fund. Witt stated that he spoke with Donna from the Fermentation Fest so that artists would know that having their artwork purchased could be an option. Joann Mundth stated that they could include an RFP, and later added that she would like to privately fundraise for the Ruminant combine but would like to know first if the City would be interested in placement and maintenance (concrete pad, electric, plexi-glass).

Motion by Moon, seconded by Hull to authorize the grant application based on CDA interest in future art acquisition.

Motion Approved.

3. **Consider and recommend purchase of 201 S Walnut St; Parcel #1015**

Witt stated that the County now owns the parcel and is going through the 2-4 month legal process to obtain clear title. The City could buy it through TIF 6, which could help grow the TIF if developed. A blight elimination grant could be available if the building is not razed.

Motion by Cowan, seconded by Pelton to recommend purchase of the parcel to Council.

Motion Approved.

Motion by Pelton, seconded by Cowan to adjourn at 6:50.

Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brian Duvalle
Planner/Building Inspector