



Community Improvement Corporation

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2021

In accordance with HB 197 this will be a virtual meeting that is open to the public to watch via zoom.

Call to Order

JC Rupel at 12:01 pm

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Steve Dana, second by David, P, approved unanimously

Old Business

- RLF Program Review
 - Jessica gave a report on RLF.
 - Proposed to review RLF at February meeting, passed unanimously

New Business:

- Motion to amend agenda to add new members Shana and Steve Dana
 - Moved by Kevin, second Kelly U, passed unanimously
- Discussion of "shovel ready" projects.
 - Jessica introduced and review projects as well overview of worksheet and brainstorming session goals
 - Introduced and clarity on Randi's contribution of MU projects
 - Randi clarified his contributions and will continue with cost estimates by providing projected ranges of cost
 - Jessica review of ideas already on the sheet
 - Introduction and brief explanation of the ideas
 - David P proposed addition of affordable housing development in the City of Oxford
 - Joe Newlin proposed development of TOPSS building
 - Supported by Steve D
 - Jessica proposed moving Steve's idea of commercial kitchen development into this idea "block"
 - Steve agreed
 - Glen voiced support for the transportation HUB development at Chestnut Fields, expressed expectation of movement with new Federal administration

- David P voiced support and proposed move of this project from “yellow” to “green”
- Jessica moved the idea into “green”
- Randi asked if TSD had ideas/proposals
 - Shana discussed TSD vehicles into the Chestnut Field Transport HUB
 - Creation of facility for student services and student development
 - Board of Ed, student services, pre-school education
 - Randi asked if this idea could be incorporated into the TOPSS concept
 - Jessica stated that TOPSS might be of a different focus and funding streams might not combine appropriately
 - Shana voiced concern about possibility of conflicting levees
- David asked about potential for communications infrastructure upgrades, fiber, etc.
 - Jessica answered with history of development of fiber cable in the township and future of fiber development of connectivity within the City
 - David asked if this could be explored, he’s “all about connectivity”
 - Glen asked, is there anyway to tie the Fiber ring into the development of the OATS trail?
 - Jessica offered to explore
 - Glen revisited proposal of expanding City-Wide internet access, could the HUB be developed to “beam” Wi-Fi across Oxford, potential partnership with Miami
 - JC asked what happened to the huge trunk line that was going to be part of the Tech Park development
 - Glen emphasized his idea would be for City-wide outdoor available Wi-Fi
- Jessica proposed to transition the conversation to 2021 goals
 - Review of the “Shovel Ready” doc, do we have enough information to review/do homework and then “be ready” when funds become available
 - Re-opened discussion of the TOPSS and TSD concept, questions on vision, location, etc.
 - Jessica posed a “straw poll” of comfort with ideas from the “Shovel Ready” sheet. Asked that people reach out if they see major issues
- Creation of 2021 Goals and Action Steps
 - Jessica reviewed 2021 Ec Dev goals and introduced the “Goals” sheet and introduction/review if individual entries of ideas/goals
 - Jessica opened the floor for ideas, questions, etc.
 - Steve voiced support for the Chestnut Fields Transportation HUB, added the transportation HUB to the list
 - JC voiced support for the Transportation HUB, expressed support that this would be great site for the TOPSS/Clinic/TSD facility development
 - Support of current infrastructure in that area; sewer, access, parking, etc. is all developed. Questioned the “all in” needed from City of Oxford and Miami at this location

- David raised question about developing the mentorship/coaching program for businesses in the City of Oxford
 - Could this be done, what demands are there/barriers
 - Jessica said this would be very time intensive, but not monetarily expensive
 - Randi voiced that this concept would be carried out at the Elm St. facility, it would be a “lighthouse” for ideas, innovation and development
- Jessica solicited new ideas or direction from the group
 - David P voiced support for the idea of effort into “recruitment packets” and gathering information for new people to jobs, living, etc. in Oxford
 - Glen voiced the importance of efforts to get more people to live and work in Oxford
 - Ted P talked about the desire for those to live in Oxford, but finding the cross section of need and opportunity
 - Randi talked about how we can support and incentivize those activities rather than promote. If we build amenities, people will find us
 - Jessica voiced the concept “if we build it, they will come”
 - Randi posed the question, what are Middletown and Hamilton are doing? How can we dovetail or compliment efforts by “regional partners”
 - Norma asked about the Spooky Nook development and how Oxford might benefit
 - How can we benefit?
 - Jessica questioned the validity of increased weekend travel
 - David posed the question about what we’re good at and how do we identify and then emphasize that?
 - Jessica voiced the “great place to live” aspect of Oxford, a “great place to raise a family
- Jessica posed to the group for any other additions
 - Hearing none she outlined next steps
 - Adoption of ideas into concrete goals with full SMART format
 - Randi asked if the CIC Board would approve visiting Jobs Ohio proposal for Elm St. building
 - Joe offered idea to approve and draft a letter of support from the CIC for the Elm project
 - Motion to approve a letter of support from JC, second by Joe N, passed unanimously
- Jessica proposed next meeting for February 26. 2021 at 12pm
- Discussion of Economic Development in Comprehensive Plan Update.
 - Jessica gave an update of Comp Plan and her partnership with Sam Perry



- Goal to create the Comp Plan document that becomes a “working document” that would be reviewed and updated annually
 - Jessica discussed process and need for public comment
 - Steve D emphasized importance of Public involvement and need for input
- JC raised possibility of new PPP loans/program, “fingers crossed” at the possibility of additional support from Federal Government

Motion to adjourn by Steve, second by David, passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 1:13pm