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MINUTES

Powell Community Improvement Corporation

Monday February 10, 2020

6:00 pm

City of Powell
Municipal Building
47 Hall Street

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hrivnak at 6:01 pm. Other members present were Don Emerick, Mike Linehan, and David Betz. Brian Lorenz was absent.

Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2019

The minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mike Linehan made a motion to approve the minutes and that was seconded by Don Emerick. All were in favor of the motion; 4-Y; 0-N. Motion passes.

Report of the President or Other Officers

No reports.

Reports of the Treasurer – November 2019 Report

Mike Linehan reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December 2019 and January 2020. He discussed that he has been working with Finance Director Karen Sybert on the Financial Reports and determined a better way to track our incentive projects by creating a spreadsheet. Also, he received a report from Ms. Sybert about the car charging stations electric usage and we need to approve reimbursing the City for that. A motion was made by Jim Hrivnak to reimburse the City for the car charging stations usage. The motion was seconded by Don Emerick. Motion passed: 4-Y; 0N. Motion by Jim Hrivnak to approve the December 2019 and January 2020 Financial Reports and the January 2020 Budget. Seconded by Don Emerick. Motion passed; 4-Y; 0-N.

Report of the Committees – No Committees

New Business

a. Funding for Events Detour Signage

David Betz explained that the Chamber of Commerce started additional discussion with Council's Operations Committee about the closing of Olentangy Street for the Street Markets in 2020. The Operations Committee heard from Staff about cost estimates for how to implement detour signs in order to accomplish this. The Operations Committee had some issues with the cost of the signs and that it was only for a couple of events. This item was then sent to the Finance Committee where they heard from Staff again where Staff examined a lesser need for signs and brought the total cost down to just under \$7,000. The Finance Committee then recommended this go to the full Council to seek funding if other groups may help fund this temporary signage. The CIC was mentioned as a possible resource as special events downtown, with the Street Markets and now possible DORA events, are really an Economic Development program to help increase business downtown.

After discussion, the Board members present thought that if there was to be funding from the City, and that a fee be assessed through the permit process, then the CIC can commit some funding. Don Emerick made a motion to approve \$3,000 to the City to help fund detour signage for closure of streets downtown for special events, and to improve economic development and business development within the downtown. Jim Hrivnak seconded the motion. The motion passed: 4-Y;0-N.

b. Goals for 2020 – 2021 –

Jim Hrivnak mentioned that he believes that the CIC should work with downtown business owners and property owners, and the post office, to develop "gang mailboxes" to relieve the safety issues for mail delivery and slowing traffic along Olentangy Street. We looked into several years ago. Mr. Betz said they will dig up our old research and start talking with the post office again about it. Also, he mentioned that the CIC should join the Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Jim Hrivnak to join the Chamber of Commerce and pay their membership fee of \$150. The motion was seconded by Mike Linehan. Motion passed; 4-Y, 0-N. Mr. Betz mentioned he is working of two possibilities for income tax offset agreements for the near future.

Other Business – No update.

a. Business Development Efforts with Chamber – No update.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.