

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Community Development meeting on May 20, 2024

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Elect a chairman
3. Declaration of Quorum
4. Approve Agenda
5. Public input
6. Create a mission statement
7. Community Garden at Bea's
8. Housing possibilities
9. Future projects
10. Correspondence
11. Future meeting date(s)
12. Adjourn

Clerk Pamela Donart-Welcome called the meeting to order at 5:01pm, followed by entertaining a motion to elect a committee chair person. Committee members Janet Johnson, Alan Kroll, and Sylvann Welcome were present with Administrator Kalms, and 6 members of the public.

Johnson moved, Kroll seconded to elect Sylvann Welcome as the chairperson. **Carried 3 – 0**

Welcome declared there was a quorum present.

Johnson moved, Kroll seconded to approve the agenda as posted. **Carried 3 - 0**

Dave Studebaker of 11823 Timberline Rd wanted to note that he's been on similar committees that have tried to address housing concerns, but all attempts have been hindered by County zoning restrictions.

Mickie Rasch of Door County North would like to know what the definition of "community development" is, and how is this committee going to interact with the business community, and how can DCN revisit the expectations of the Town when giving donation requests to groups.

Kroll created a potential **mission statement** which was simplified to the following:

"Our mission is to cultivate a thriving environment where small businesses can flourish, residents can thrive, and visitors feel welcomed." **Johnson moved, Welcome seconded** to accept the mission statement as presented. **Carried 3 - 0**

Welcome noted that the owner of Bea's Ho-made Products in Gills Rock has offered the use of some of the unused land for a **Community Garden**, and asked if the Town office could administer plot distribution to interested community members to use for gardening at no charge. The logistics of such a project will be discussed at a future meeting.

Johnson suggested scheduling some type of public forum to exchange creative ideas from community members and business owners to address **affordable housing**, and the subject will be revisited at a future meeting.

Johnson suggested **future projects** for the committee might include method to transport interested community members who are part of the “meals on wheels” program that the ADRC operates out of the Town Hall, and whose only mobility restriction is transportation, to the Town Hall to enjoy their meals in the company of others. The committee members also expanded the community outreach concept to include hosting other social gatherings at the Town Hall.

Correspondence: none

Future Meeting(s): The next meeting date/time was scheduled for June 10, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Kroll moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn at 6:19pm. **Carried 3 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on 6/10/24