

Pulaski County Community Development Commission
Monterey Town Hall
Monterey, Indiana

Public Meeting Report

(Note: No quorum, not official minutes)

August 5, 2008

PCCDC board members present: Rick Stone, Courtney Poor, Richard Denney, David Broad, and Doug Pelsy.

Staff: Daniel Dolezal, Executive Director.

Guests: Larry and Nancy Spiewak, Linda McCune, and Michelle Erdmann.

Call to Order.

In the absence of the board president and vice president the August meeting of the PCCDC was called to order by Rick Stone, Secretary at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Gratitude was expressed to the Town of Monterey for the use of the town hall for the meeting.

Approve Minutes.

For lack of a quorum the June 3rd meeting minutes were presented, but no vote of approval taken.

Executive Director's Report.

Rick Stone then asked Dan Dolezal to present the director's report. Dan reported since the June meeting he had participated in the NIPSCO North Central Community Panel's meeting, met with the new director of the Regional Development Company, KIRPC and the community foundation. He referenced the 2009 CDC budget to be presented later in the meeting. Discussed various infrastructure projects, visits and meetings with county employers, and reviewed the most recent workforce figures. He added the CDC is offering the various county festival committees assistance with advertising expenses. He finished by noting the county home inquiry committee would make a presentation to the County Council on August 6th.

Dan reported on the status of the CDC 2008 budget. At June 30th the CDC had expended \$42k of the \$147k budgeted.

Old Business.

The CDC Priority List was reviewed. The website upgrade is completed, Star City sewer project ongoing, welder training under review, and county home review completed.

The influential list update has been on hold, but back in progress.

It was noted that due to time constraints, Tim Troxel has resigned from the board. There are two vacancies on the board now. The community foundation has been invited to participate.

The home loans and grants programs discussed at previous meetings is being considered by the Town of Winamac.

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant opportunity was discussed. Dan reported he had spoken with KIRPC and been advised that the EDA would prefer a project concerning West Side corridor development.

New Business:

The CDC 2009 budget request was reviewed. There is no change from the 2008 budget amount. Without a quorum, no action could be taken at this time.

The discussion turned to the landfill rumors being heard in the county. Courtney discussed at length the seeming origins of this, his letter to the editor and discussions with acquaintances in the trash removal business. Their consensus was there is no need for a landfill in the county. Apparently the idea has been dropped.

The Historic Landmarks Foundation is conducting an historical site survey of Pulaski County. Once completed the survey will enable the county to submit various government grant applications without the necessity of having an historical assessment done for each application, thus saving thousands of dollars in consulting fees. The Foundation has asked for financial assistance with the publication portion of the process. Pledges have already been made locally. Discussion ensued as to the CDC's portion. \$5,000 can be provided from the professional services budget account. Dan pointed out the survey will further economic and community development. The board members present agreed.

Dan mentioned a possible revision of the CDC meeting calendar and schedule. The consensus was the current schedule should remain the same.

Community Reports.

Rick Stone commented on the upcoming Medaryville Potato Fest. In addition to the traditional events there will be a gathering of Capri auto owners/ collectors and an Elvis impersonator.

Rich Denney reported on the Monterey Days festival at the end of August.

Doug Pelsy reported the completion of Tony Holliday's new manufacturing building in Francesville.

David Broad reported on the progress made on the commercial corridor in Winamac that will extend from the Methodist Church north to 14th Street.

Courtney Poor announced he has been asked to advise the historical society on possible uses for the opera house. He solicited ideas from those present.

The next board meeting is in Winamac on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Adjournment.

Doug moved and Dave seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.