



## MEETING SUMMARY

Newberry October 10, 2016

10:00 AM

### Attendance

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Meeting commenced at 10:00 AM with a welcome by Charles Cleaver, Village Manager.

#### 1. Introductions

Participants asked to introduce themselves and provide a brief background. This included PRT Technical Team, State and Regional Partners and PRT Community Stakeholders.

#### 2. General Areas of Discussion

Charles indicated that the Village of Newberry would be holding a community workshop on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6PM, at Village Hall to review the Newberry Economic Development Strategy. Charles mentioned that Donna, from Marquette MDARD office, would be acting as session facilitator.

Strategies that would be the focus of discussion at the workshop include:

- Eliminating barriers to redevelopment
- Identifying and pursuing local business clusters, and
- More tourism attractions.

Charles also mentioned that as a result of Newberry's water infrastructure program to improve water quality for local residents that he had been asked to attend an upcoming session sponsored by MDEQ in Flint to discuss their success.

Sharon and Julie reviewed the status of the Old Bank Building – MEDC project in the downtown area. Sharon mentioned that they would be using a grant for the façade improvements, and they would be looking to CDBG to assist with the financing for upper story apartments. Sharon and Julie were working toward a November grant application deadline. The project could result in 4 FTE's and become a maker space for the community.



The Village had revamped the PC to 5 members. Training through MSU-E Citizen Planner Program was discussed.

In regards to the capital improvement program, Charles noted that AECOM (Mike Pond, PE) was coordinating the water network, and C2AE (Chuck Lawson, PE) was coordinating the sanitary sewer system. The Fire Authority would be responsible for fire facilities and apparatus.

John mentioned that B&R staff would be visiting the community to perform field work on land use, housing quality and land development patterns as part of the master plan and zoning process.

Joe reviewed the draft communication plan and the need to integrate social media platforms. Also, the Village mission statement should be standardized across all social media venues. The communications plan would be finalized and the Village provided a list of media outlets for press releases, notices, etc.

### 3. Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting would be at the Luce County EDC offices where they had video conferencing facilities. The next meeting was scheduled for November 4, 2016, at 10AM.

Meeting adjourned: 1213PM

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