



MEETING SUMMARY

Newberry November 04, 2016

10:00 AM

Luce County EDC Offices

Attendance

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Kristen Christiansen	Newberry Chamber	Director1@lighthouse.net

Meeting commenced at 10:00 AM with a welcome by John DeWitt, Interm 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

- a) Community Assessment – John DeWitt has been conversing with Julie-Hales Smith, NC3, regarding a date for the community assessment/engagement sessions. It looks like mid to late November.
- b) Master Plan -John I indicated that B&R members completed field work. Housing quality, neighborhood identification, corridor conditions, and street/transportation network were inventoried. Mapping is in process.
- c) Planning Commission -Sharon mentioned that the Newberry Planning Commission has been formed and five (5) members appointed. John I discussed opportunity for MSU-E to provide training for new PC members. Eric mentioned possibility of Citizen Planners Program. John I to discuss with Brad.
- d) Capital Improvements Plan – Sharon noted that the Village was a month away from adopting new budget. She wanted to know how the CIP would be integrated. John I suggested that the CIP be prepared and adopted later in 2017 with full budget integration for FY 17-18 budget. A CIP committee was formed and will include John DeWitt, Sharon, DPS Superintendent and John I.
- e) Communications Plan – adopted by Village Council with the exception of the Mission Statement. Sharon

suggested that the Village Council will likely need a facilitator to assist. John I mentioned that Julie may be a candidate.

- f) Economic Development Strategy – Tammy mentioned that as a result of the last meeting when she found out that the County had a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, she researched and found that they did and has pulled together some of the records. She is in contact with MDEQ how is coming the week of November 7 to provide her some in-service training. An Economic Development/Tourism Strategy Committee was formed to assist Joe and the members include Tammy, Krsitin, Jan and Sharon.

3. Other Business

- a) Sharon and Julie provided an update on the former downtown Bank Building. The MEDC CDBG application is proceeding.
- b) Technology – Discussion on more use of video conferencing during the process; especially for the winter months. John I to coordinate with Upward Talent Council and EUP.
- c) Corridor Improvement Authority – John DeWitt is going to have a conversation with Township regarding a CIA for the corridor.

Meeting adjourned: 11:09 AM

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