



CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO

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Sandusky, Ohio 44870

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 AT 7:30 A.M.
HELD REMOTELY BY WAY OF
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**

PRESENT:

Members: Chair Carl McGookey, Dr. Bill David Miller, Joe Hayberger, Steve Poggiali and Secretary Kevin Zeiher.

Also present were City Commissioner Liaison Member Blake Harris, City Engineer Aaron Klein, and City employee Greg Voltz.

This virtual meeting was called to order by Carl McGookey at 7:31 AM. Lacking a quorum, no official action was taken on any items.

STAFF UPDATE
OLD BUSINESS:

City Engineer Aaron Klein presented updates on the following projects:

JACKSON STREET PIER RECONSTRUCTION

The punch list items are nearing completion, the usage of the pier and its

amenities is apparent. The members and the City employees echoed each other on a job well done by the committee in adding its support and the city for creating and completing a great project.

SHORELINE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION

The final touches of signage, plantings, trees and the dumpster enclosures are still in the works. The goal is July 4th with two-way traffic at that time.

THE LANDING AND SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY

Mr. Klein reported that the City is continuing with the design which is under contract and acquisition is moving forward. Budgetary constraints are a concern and the City has received some donations of land to ease those concerns. Erie Metro Park provided an easement for the Hemminger ditch. Further easements are needed for the Landing Project.

Design and acquisition grants have been applied for and three grants have been received to separate the path by 2025 and a safety grant from ODOT which are very competitive.

WEST END UTILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

The bike path will be completed in 2021.

SANDUSKY BAY INITIATIVE

Involving the coastal wetlands and the phosphorus loading of the bay and its effort to facilitate wildlife is progressing. The Open Lake Disposal Ban was put in place on July 1, 2020 and it has been effective. The lake dredging schedule has also been delayed until later in 2021. The initiative is very unique for the Great Lakes and very exciting and a big deal for the City.

Mr. Klein reported on the increased number of kayakers, paddle boarders and bikers all of which will continue to increase. Mr. Miller also commented on his ability to enjoy the bike trail and the accessible kayak areas with his wife. Both Mr. Miller, Dr. Semans and entire committee thanked the City and its staff for its foresight and thoughtful approach to our City and its amenities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Klein also reported on the continuing requirements placed on the City for its disposal of and treatment of storm runoff. The City is looking at an expenditure in excess of \$32 million over the next seven to eight years for waste water treatment all mandated by the EPA.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Bayfront Corridor Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 AM

upon motion by Dr. Semans, joined by Mr. Zeiher.

The next meeting of the Bayfront Corridor Committee is scheduled for **SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 at 7:30 AM** in the City Commission Chambers at 240 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio.

Kevin J. Zeiher - Secretary

Mission Statement: The Bayfront Corridor Committee, a cross-section of community stakeholders serving at the pleasure of City Commission, reviews proposed waterfront development projects relative to adopted city plans and their benefit to the community and makes recommendations to the administration and City Commission with the purpose of maximizing the advantages of Sandusky's strategic location on Lake Erie.