



CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO

240 Columbus Avenue

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024, AT 7:30 A.M. HELD
IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS AND LIVE
STREAMED ON www.Youtube.com/CityofSanduskyOH**

PRESENT: Members: Carl McGookey, Chair, Joseph Hayberger, Mark Harrington, Kevin Cannon, Dave Miller, Bill Semans, Mike Zuilhof and Secretary Kevin Zeiher.

Excused Member was Judy Corso.

Also, in attendance were Staff Arin Blair, City Engineer Aaron Klein, City Attorney Stewart Hastings and Administrative Assistant Quinn Rambo.

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Zeiher, at 7:31 AM.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the May 4, 2023 and December 7, 2023 were presented for approval. Mike Zuilhof moved to approve the May 4, 2023 minutes as presented,

which Motion was seconded by Joe Hayberger, with unanimous approval. Mark Harrington then moved to approve the December 7, 2023 Minutes with a correction. Mark Harrington was misnamed in the Minutes as Mark Ackerman, and with that correction and the apology of Secretary Kevin Zeiher the Motion was seconded by Joe Hayberger with unanimous approval.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers It was moved by Joe Hayberger to nominate Carl McGookey to continue as the chair. The nomination was seconded by Bill Semans and with no other nominations, Mr. McGookey was elected Chair for 2024. Mark Harrington nominated Bill Semans as vice chair, seconded by Joe Hayberger. With no other nominations Dr. Semans was elected Vice Chair for 2024. Joe Hayberger nominated Kevin Zeiher as Secretary, seconded by Mark Harrington, and with no other nominations Mr. Zeiher was elected as Secretary for 2024.

B. 2024 Meeting Schedule After some discussion it was agreed to continue to hold the meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 am, with the time to be revisited. The proposal was approved unanimously.

No other new business.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- **JUSTICE CENTER** Aaron Klein reported that the Justice Center should be completed by the Fall of 2024. Landscaping will be accomplished in the in the Spring along with completion of the water side of the building.
- **SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY** Mr. Klein reported that acquisition of additional property was still being negotiated. Project plans should be completed for the area west of Toft's. with the assistance and input of the State of Ohio. Mark Harrington inquired if US Tsubaki was cooperating and advised that there were no issues, however, if Mr. Klein needed some assistance to contact Mr. Harrington.
- **THE LANDING** Mr. Klein reported that he expects further plans to be submitted in early spring. Costs estimates are reaching \$6 million with state involvement. David Miller inquired about the layout and was advised that the bridge will be replaced in 2024. Bill Semans inquired about the area near the Mecca Motel and was advised that it was not in Sandusky, but that the City was in continued discussions

with ODOT who was handling the area in question. Mr. Klein also reported that the pedestrian walking area on the bridge over Pipe Creek was not wide enough on the North side, which will be addressed.

- **US EPA BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT UPDATE** Arin Blair reported that Ohio EPA Phase 2 report had been submitted.

Mark Harrington inquired about the development of Columbus Avenue and Mr. Klein reported that designs are being received and reviewed for approval. No bids had been solicited yet. Arin Blair reported that the effect of the changes to Columbus Avenue would result in a parking neutral outcome.

4. COMMUNITY INPUT

Danielle Murray representing Lake Erie Films spoke to the Committee and was requesting a letter of support. The members discussed what the City Staff's position was on issuing a letter of support. Mike Zuilhof moved to have the City review the request and if acceptable submit the letter requested to the Chair of the Bayfront Corridor Committee for approval and signature. The Motion was seconded by David Miller and Mark

Harrington also asked that the letter be reviewed before sending by the city.

Mr. Zeiher requested that Ms. Murray provide some additional information about her organization. The Board was advised by Ms. Murray that the Lake Erie Film had received a 501 (c)(3) designation, her board consisted of five members and had three staff members. The next meeting of Lake Erie Films was scheduled for January 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm at 604 West Washington Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

The Motion requesting support with the addendums was approved unanimously.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Bayfront Corridor Committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 AM upon motion by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Hayberger.

The next meeting of the Bayfront Corridor Committee is scheduled for **February 2, 2024**, at 7:30 AM in the 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.