

Community Improvement Corporation

Quarterly Trustees Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2005

ATTENDEES: Frank Ashton, Robert Aufuldish, Morris Beverage, Michael Evangelista, James Gills, David Gilmer, Marin Kuula, Dale Langbehn, Kenneth Lorenz, Caroline Luhta, William Margalis, Patrick Rositani, Robert Shiner, Walter Siegel, Kenneth Sinha, Michael Slocum, Darrell Webster, Thomas Williams

PROXY: David Anderson, Bryon Pike, Edward Podojil, Frank Ragley, William Reid

ABSENT: Ronald Balog, Richard Bondo, James Hayer, Verne Horton, Jim Janson, Gary Kostura, Lee Lydic, Michael Partiarca, Neil Sawicki, Gretchen Skok DiSanto, Greg Waina, Jerry Youngberg

OTHERS: Cathy Haworth, Theresa Swick

Minutes of the last quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees, dated November 9, 2004 were reviewed. Mr. Langbehn moved and Mayor Lorenz seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Election of Officers:

President Gilmer presented the following slate of officers to serve for the next year:

David Gilmer, President

Patrick Rositani, First Vice President

Robert Aufuldish, Second Vice President

Vern Horton, Secretary

Patrick Rositani, Treasurer

Mr. Gilmer asked if there were any nominations. None being presented, Mayor Lorenz moved and Mr. Ashton seconded a motion to approve the above slate of officers. The motion passed.

Counsel Invoice

An invoice was presented by legal counsel for \$1635 for the period of November, 2004 to February, 2005. Mayor Shiner moved and Commissioner Aufuldish seconded a motion to approve payment of the invoice. Motion passed.

Resolutions:

Team NEO

- Ms. Haworth provided information on the \$10,000 per year for three years that the Center has made for membership in TEAM NEO.
- Ashtabula and Geauga counties were asked if they were interested in combining membership and they are not
- Team NEO is retaining more jobs than they are creating, but it is expected they will start to create jobs in this year
- If Lake County is not at the table they will not have any influence on how the region and Team NEO operate

- We have not reviewed a budget; Ms. Haworth is of the opinion most of the funds raised to date have gone to wages. Mr. Kuula described the marketing efforts that will benefit all of Northeast Ohio
- Mr. Ashton inquired about a plan which we have not seen
- Cathy Haworth is in the process of seeing how we can benefit.
- Commissioner Aufuldish feels that we need to be there and efforts are not being duplicated.
- Mr. Ashton asked if by being on the board, will we see a written agenda? Cathy Haworth stated that we will influence the plans that will include Lake County

Mr. Gills moved and Mayor Lorenz seconded a motion to approve the three-year participation at \$10,000 for each year, 2005, 2006 & 2007. The motion passed

2005 Proposed LCEDC Budget

The Center's proposed 2005 budget was presented. It is understood that the \$10,000 just approved for Team NEO will be added to the budget. Mayor Shiner moved and Mr. Langbehn seconded a motion to approve the presented budget. Mr. Slocum asked about in-kind expenses. Ms. Haworth explained that is expense and offsetting income that is recognized as matches for grant funding. The motion passed.

Other Business

The Executive Committee approved Ms. Haworth's contract and the wage changes effective October 1, 2003. The information was available for anyone interested in reviewing the terms.

Dr. Beverage initiated a conversation regarding the board's role in management over the Center. Mr. Hawkins stated the Code of Regulations are ambiguous and perhaps they should be revised. Mr. Gilmer recommended a By-Law Review Committee be formed. The following individuals volunteered to be on the committee:

M. Beverage
 D. Langbehn
 J. Lipscomb
 M. Slocum
 D. Gilmer
 J. Hawkins

Mayor Shiner moved and Mr. Rositani seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.