

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2024, COMBINED MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. 5:15 p.m. Conference Room. Members present: Christianson, Hraban, Weiss. Absent: N. Johnson. Others present: A. Christianson Jr., Mayor Grotzinger.

Call to Order:

Al Christianson Sr. called the meeting to order.

What is Most Important:

Council member Christianson distributed a writeup he had written some time back (Hollis H. was Library Director). Therein he outlined why each department head should consider their mission the City's most important. He then explained why he feels economic development is most important:

*Community decline drags down all aspects.

*Declining population means fewer people must support services putting financial pressure on most.

*A rising tide lifts all boats.

He then concluded that all are important for different reasons and all need to be undertaken for community betterment.

Use of Selected Rents:

Attention was called to a tri-fold display board whereon some key past projects undertaken by the LCIDC are depicted. The display is dated by the fact that 7 of 12 IDC Board members named on the display have moved on or passed away.

Rents received for a dwelling located at 311 Sabin Ave. W. have repaid not only what the City paid for it, but for the Corbett Lake shoreline flanking it. The \$540/month it generates could, perhaps, be designated for a new mission involving housing such as assisting the homeless or providing seed money for a revolving in-fill home project.

Submitted Ideas:

Attention was called to a new list of project ideas submitted by Sue Moore. Those present were asked to review these and comment at a future meeting in regard to any they would like to pursue given time and cost limitations.

Other:

A pamphlet pertaining to the Chippewa Valley Motor Car Association was handed out. The Chair stated that if an idea to convert the former Flambeau Mine site into "Copper Park" had gone forward a motorcar driven ride on the former mine site might have been a viable option for seeing the site, viewing fall colors and other promotions. Unfortunately, funds tentatively identified for that purpose were used instead to fight a somewhat meaningless lawsuit over copper detected intermittent "Stream C". If one of Ladysmith's three display only motorcars were to be upgraded to operating status by the Association that could that could enable reconsideration of a local ride in the future. As time goes by it may become increasingly difficult to find people with the knowledge and skills to do so.

Industrial Property Transfers:

There was discussion of potential industrial property transfers, trades or sales that would be intended to upgrade spaces to attract higher rents and employer expansions.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at about p.m.