

**Agenda for the Monthly Meeting
of the
BARABOO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mission Statement:

*To provide intellect, vision, and advocacy for community development;
To serve as a catalyst for diverse economic growth*

Date and Time: **Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

Location: Baraboo Municipal Building
101 South Blvd.
Room 205
Baraboo, WI 53913

Members Noticed: Jim Bowers, Chair, John Alt, Vice-Chair, Aural Umhoefer, Secretary, Musa Ayar, Andrew Bingle, Nanci Cafilisch, Dave Johnson, Mike Palm, Melanie Platt-Gibson, Tim Reppen, Dave Taylor, Carolyn Wastlund, Ed White

Others Noticed: Ed Geick, Brenda Zeman, Mike Hardy, Tom Pinion, Jeff Maloney, Jim Michaels, Mark Schauf, Kevin Stieve, Jessica Bergin, Bill Nebel, Jenny Erickson, Baraboo Chamber of Commerce President, Patrick Cannon and the Media

- a) **Call Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with the Open Meeting Law**
- b) **Roll Call**
- c) **Approve Agenda**
- d) **Approve Minutes**
March 7, 2019
- e) **Public Comment**
 - a. Presentation By Ms. Laura Walczak, President, St. Clare Hospital
- f) **Old Business**
 - a. Update on Development Activities Geick
 - b. Update on Plan Commission and Council Palm
 - c. Updates from economic development partners and collaborators Representatives
 - d. Consideration and development of a strategic plan for BEDC
 - i. Ad Hoc Committee on Eastside Corridor Study Alt
 - ii. Ad Hoc Committee on Business Walk Bingle
- g) **New Business**
 - a. Discussion of Business Walk for 2020. Cannon
- h) **Update Partner Presentation Schedule** Alt
- i) **Commissioner and City Staff comments** All
- j) **Adjournment**

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Agenda Prepared by Patrick Cannon on 3/21/2019.

Agenda Posted by DMM on 3/29/2019

Future meeting dates: Thursday, May 2, 2019

5:30 PM

Commission members are asked to notify the chairperson at least 24 hours before the meeting if they **will not** be able to attend this meeting.

Baraboo Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018

I. **Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Chair Jim Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM at the Baraboo High School, 1201 Draper St, Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Bowers, Alt, Ayar, Palm, Platt-Gibson, Reppen, Taylor, Wastlund, White

Absent: Alt, Umhoefer, Bingle, Caflisch

Other: Patrick Cannon

III. **Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Taylor (1); Ayar (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. **Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for February 14, 2019 with the addition of MSA Professional Services for a future presentation

Wastlund (1); Johnson (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

V. **Public Comment**

a. **Presentation regarding the April 2, 2019 School Referendum**

b. **Tour of High School Facilities and Renovations**

Superintendent Dr. Lori Mueller, School Board member Mike Kohlman and High School Principal Glenn Bildsten presented the need for the currently proposed referendum. They indicated how this current request is a major part of their overall capital improvements for all school facilities. With the completion of the High School renovations the other facilities still need renovations.

The tour of the High School included the new areas and how the older areas have been upgraded. Overall the facility's renovation will ensure a better learning environment.

VI. **Old Business**

a. **Updates on Development Activities**

Ed Geick provided a written update on Development Activities. A copy of the report is attached.

b. **Updates from Plan Commission and Council**

Mayor Palm spoke on the following items:

- The Lake Street project is scheduled for 2019. A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 11, 2019 and the City Council will address the issue on March 12, 2019.

c. **Update from economic development partners and collaborators**

- Mr. Reppen indicated that they have had some success in their recent employment activities. He also indicated that the County is in the process of reviewing a potential Nursing Home and the downtown parking issue.
- Mr. Taylor indicated that the loan delinquencies at the bank are down.
- Ms. Platt-Gibson gave an update on the hiring of a new Oncologist for St Clare. He both lives and works in Baraboo. The Hospital is also looking at expansions into the Dells area.

- Mr. White indicated that the SCDC has their annual meeting upcoming. They will be awarding several businesses for their efforts.
- Mr. Johnson that livestock sales are down due to the weather. This has caused an increase in pricing.
- Mr. Bowers updated the committee on the construction of the kayak launch in West Baraboo. He also updated the homeless shelter has been receiving mixed reviews with their residents.

d. Consideration of development of a strategic plan for BEDC

i. Ad Hoc Committee on Eastside Corridor Study

No updates

ii. Ad Hoc Committee on Business Walk

No updates

VII. New Business

None

VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule

St Clare President Laura Walczak will be presenting at the April meeting.

VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:34 pm.

Ayar (1); Reppen (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon
Recorder