

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee
December 18, 2014
4:00 p.m.
990 Terrace, Hall of Justice
Muskegon, MI**

Robert Scolnik, Chair

Benjamin Cross, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Scolnik at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney,
Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cross, supported by Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the
November 20, 2014, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

PRESENTATION – Economic Outlook

Mr. Ed Garner, Muskegon Area First Director, and Mr. Jonathan Wilson, Muskegon County Economic Development Coordinator, presented information to those present of the current economic outlook, outlining national, state and county statistics. Nationally, they discussed that the dollar value is getting stronger. Also discussed was that auto sales continue to be steady state-wide. It was noted that Muskegon County's employment has rebounded and October's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent which is the lowest it's been since 2001.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP14/12 – 12 It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to approve the proposed 2015 Park fee schedule, increasing camping fees at the Blue Lake Park and Pioneer Park campgrounds to \$26.00 per night, Meinert/Pines campground to \$28.00 per night, and seasonal camping fees at the Meinert/Pines campground to \$2,000.00 per season and the cabin rental fee at Meinert to \$900.00 per week.
Motion carried.

CD/SP14/12 - 13 It was moved by Sabo, supported by Cross, to approve the Prein & Newhof proposal for the design of a steel sheet pile wall for the peninsula at Heritage Landing for a cost of \$20,600 with \$1,000 of the cost being left over from the Phase I budget and \$19,600 being paid from fund 2300-0273 and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ed Weesies, Northside Lions Club, thanked the Commissioners and Mr. Bob Lukens, Community Development Director, for their assistance with the Veterans' Day Celebration.

Mr. Lupe Alviar, Veterans Committee Advisory Chair, invited those present to the lighting of the street lamps at Veterans Memorial Park on December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Alviar thanked Commissioner Hughes for her assistance in creating the informational invitations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.