

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2013

Members Present: Supervisors Gentz, Kubicki, Rose, Breunig and Elverman
Members Excused: Supervisors Hallmon and Esposito
YIG Present: Bleil and Bell

1. 6:33 pm
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gentz in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building.

2. 6:33 pm
Citizen Comments: None

3. 6:33 pm
Chair, Supervisor and YIG comments: None

4. 6:33 pm
Communications: None

5. 6:33 pm
Approval of minutes of September 17, 2013 meeting:
Supervisor Kubicki made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.

6. 6:34 pm
Update from KABA, Todd Battle:
Battle introduced himself to the YIG members and explained what his organization does. He handed out a "Scorecard" for January through September 12, 2013 and explained the figures shown in the six categories. The BRE Program numbers look a bit low but they were missing staff for part of the year. They are ramping it back up now. He mentioned three companies coming to the community that used funds from the High Impact Fund, Hanna Cylinders, Kenall Manufacturing and Project Onyx.

Supervisor Elverman said things have changed since KABA was started back in the 80's. Are any businesses going to come to the county without the type of incentives everyone is handing out? Is it a thing of the past where someone just starts up a business? Battle said he believes for the more established companies, it is now the price of poker.

Chairman Gentz asked how much money is still in the High Impact fund. Battle said it started with \$1M and another half million was added. Another half million is pledged. The results of this fund is \$35M in construction and 800 jobs.

7. 6:55 pm
Update on downtown development, Violet Ricker:
Ricker introduced herself as the Director of Downtown Kenosha and works with KABA. We are trying to bring more business downtown. In July, we were designated as a Main Street Program. We have four committees of volunteers. They will be meeting this month to set their work plans for the next year. They are looking for a year round indoor market but will keep the harbor market open. They are trying to bring residential units to the downtown to get more people living down here. They were happy to see the proposal for downtown wi-fi and said it should help to bring people here who will spend money and pay sales tax which will benefit the entire county.

Supervisor Kubicki asked her opinion on the Welles Property and the people that it is supposed to bring to the downtown area. Ricker said that property is owned by someone who wants to bring residences there for young professionals. They need market rate housing. She would like to see a mixed use, retail on the first floor and residences above.

Kubicki asked her opinion on the trolley downtown expansion. Ricker said it is one of the recommendations from the Lakota Plan. The reason for going around library park was to better connect the downtown to the hospital. The hospital employs a lot of people who could make better use of the downtown businesses. Eight-five percent of our businesses would be on the new line. She would like to eventually see more lines coming into downtown.

YIG Bell said he would like to see some of the downtown schools incorporated into the downtown plan. Harborside School teaches the history of Kenosha in the 9th grade.

7:10 pm

8. Report on status of corporation counsel budget:
Bernard Vash reviewed his report with the committee. The books line item is slightly over budget but sufficient funds will be available in the rest of the budget to cover any overruns. He will be getting more revenue funds from Joint Services than he budgeted for. They are getting more comfortable with our services.

7:12 pm

9. Approval of proposed Corporation Counsel's budget for 2014:
Vash said he made no request for capital outlay items for 2014. The majority of funds formerly in the Equipment Maintenance line item are being transferred to another department for operating the managed print program. The Books line item shows a modest increase from \$16,000 to \$17,000.

Supervisor Breunig made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.

7:20 pm

10. Committee Chairs update on committee activities:
Supervisor Elverman said if the City Council approves the 60th Street Tower, we will dig the hole tomorrow. The concrete has to cure for one month. Vash said he was informed earlier today that the City approved the tower.

Elverman reported we will not be doing the waterproofing on the Administration Building now because the City is not doing the curbs and gutters at this time. He reported Ron Henning has retired. A new engineer has been hired and will be shared between Planning & Development and Highway.

Chairman Gentz said he will be checking on the parking structure to see if there are any glitches that have arisen since the gates went in.

7:23 pm

11. Any other business: None

7:23 pm

12. **Supervisor Kubicki made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Rose. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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