

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
July 8th, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

- I. Agenda Changes

- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1 June 10th, 2021

- III. Crab Carnival Master Plan

- IV. Property Donation

- V. Riverwalk Park Signs

- VI. General Information
 - 1. New Delaware Subdivision
 - 2 Letter from Maureen Medlin
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- VII. Town Council Agenda

- VIII. Next Meeting: August 12th, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

- IX. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
July 8th 2021**

Jack Lawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Committee members present included Jack Lawson, Chairman; James Pruett and Chris Vincent.

Members Present: James H. Hudson, Mayor; Robert Lawrence; John Ragsdale and Chris Vincent Town Council Members

Also present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development, Walt Feurer, Director of Public Works and Tim Sawyer, Chief of Police.

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

June 10th 2021

Mrs. Ball made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mr. Vincent. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. Crab Carnival Master Plan

Sam Drewry stated that the Chamber has received a request to bring back the Woodman's Exhibit. Mr. Drewry asked if the exhibit can be located at the Town Park.

Mr. Edwards advised that it would not be a suitable location due to the activity and the condition it would leave the property in.

Mr. Lawson Stated that in the past the exhibit was located on the lots behind Chris Vincent's property on 9th Street, Barry O'Conner now owns those lots. Mr. Lawson suggested the Chamber contact Barry O'Conner about the lots.

Mr. Edwards asked about the status on the Beer Garden.

Sam Drewry advised the beer garden will be between 7th Street and 9th Street. The consumption area will be between 4th Street and 10th Street.

Mr. Lawson advised that the Children's Activities are at the Baptist Church on 6th Street. Historically the Baptist Church and other churches on Main Street has asked for alcohol to be kept away from the children's area and churches, that's why alcohol is stopped at 6th Street.

Mr. Edwards suggested the Chamber contact the Churches regarding the area of the Beer Garden and consumption area.

Sam Drewry asked about the use of town property for parking.

Mr. Edwards stated that the Chamber would need to contact the School Board for use of the parking lot on 6th Street.

The consensus of the Committee is to place the Crab Carnival Master Plan on the Town Council agenda.

IV. Property Donation

Mr. Edwards presented the attached plat of lot 199 on "C" Street owned by Selden Richardson. Mr. Richardson asked if the Town would be willing to purchase the lot. Mr. Richardson was told no, but the Town would accept the lot as a donation.

The consensus of the Committee is to place the land donation on the Town Council agenda for action.

Mr. Hudson advised that he prepare the deed for Mr. Richardson.

V. Riverwalk Park Signs

Mr. Edwards presented sample renderings of signage for Riverwalk Park.

The consensus of the Committee is for the sign with the green post and clipped corners.

VI. General Information

1. New Delaware Subdivision

Mr. Edwards advised that the Town Attorney is filing a complaint against Paul White asking the judge to order a bond and for Mr. White to complete the approved POD. If Paul White does not complete the work listed in the complaint, the Town will use the bond money to perform the work and establish a Homeowners Association.

2. Letter from Maureen Medlin

Mr. Edwards reviewed a letter from Maureen Medlin and stated that the issues listed in the letter does not violate Town ordinance. Two years ago, we had the make "West Point Beautiful" campaign that the interns managed for the summer. Courtesy letters were sent

out to property owners addressing various cleanup issues. The interns went back to school, then COVID hit. We have not had the manpower to continue with the program.

Mr. Lawson suggested the town consider another social media campaign.

Mr. Edwards stated that the General Assembly adopted a State Code dealing with clutter issues. The town can review the ordinance.

Mr. Edwards asked what Town Council wanted to do about the letter.

Mr. Hudson advised that if the public wants the Town to enforce property maintenance, we can do that, so long as the public understands that it will take manpower away from other job responsibilities and it is going to cost money.

The consensus of the Committee is for the Town Manager to answer the email accordingly.

3. Fire Department

Mr. Edwards advised that he and the Mayor met with Spencer Cheatham and Bill Palmer yesterday, they have advised that Bart Bartos will be stepping down from the Fire Department at the end of the year. They have recommended that with the changes over the past few years that it would be better for there to be a paid Fire Chief.

Mr. Hudson suggested that the Fire Chief be a paid town employee. Spencer Cheatham feels that the Department can operate as a joint volunteer and paid organization.

Mr. Edwards suggested that the Public Safety Committee review the issue.

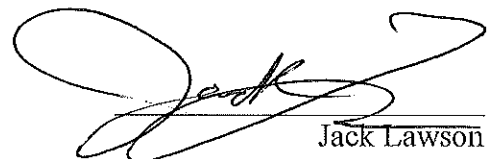
VI. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Edwards advised that the Crab Carnival Master Plan and Property Donation will be placed on the Town Council agenda.

VII. Next Meeting Date: August 12th 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Lawson adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



Jack Lawson
Chairman