

Economic Development Committee Meeting: 01/03/2019

Called to order at 4:45pm

In attendance: Greg Marquette, Robert Ruse, Chris Heban, Neil MacKinnon III, Ed Ciecka, Kevin Heban

1. Ruse motioned to go into executive session for discussion on pending development, at 4:47pm, seconded by Marquette.
2. Ruse motioned to return to regular session at 5:45pm, seconded by Marquette.
3. Project RED/Rossford Entertainment District
  - a. Councilman Heban requested that the committee consider creating an “Open Refreshment Area” in the Entertainment District. Both Marquette and Ruse thought it was premature without knowing what types of establishments will be occupying this area, and are not sure of the benefit to creating an open refreshment area at this time. Councilman Heban stated that he believes an open refreshment area could attract restaurateurs that are looking for a location that offers this type of atmosphere. Heban also stated that he spoke with Mayor Maisel from Napoleon, Ohio where they recently created an open refreshment area. Mayor Maisel told Heban it has been very successful for them. It was discussed that this area is currently zoned planned industrial and in order to have liquor licenses, one option would be for it to apply to the State of Ohio to be classified as an Entertainment District. Mayor MacKinnon said that he will meet with the property owners to discuss a possible application process. Attorney Heban will reach out to Napoleon’s City Administrator in order to research the Open Refreshment Area. Mayor MacKinnon and Councilman Heban will also meet with O’Brien Architects and Gateway Planning for their ideas, such as, if there is an entertainment district type zoning that could be created in the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heban, Chairman