

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015
WILSON HOUSE**

Chairman Mlada called the City of Port Washington Economic Development Committee meeting to order at 8:40 am at City Hall.

Roll Call of Members: Present were Nick Deering, Nels Andersen, Steve Schowalter, Mike Speas and Lisa Krier. Also present was Randy Tetzlaff, Director of Planning. It was noted that Lisa Crivello, Port Chamber Exec. Director and Justin Schneider from Schenk would join us as advisors.

Public Appearances and Comments: None.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting stood approved as distributed.

Old Business: *2015 Recap* – Mlada provided an overview of the 2015 economic development activities including our intern; the business forums; the business recognition program, and the Dennis Sullivan. The members discussed trying to bring on-board another intern in 2016; Mlada said that may be possible beginning in April. A marketing professional may also be another option. *Redevelopment Priorities Update* – Tetzlaff reviewed the CDA priority redevelopment sites including the five downtown locations; the North Point shopping area; the former mobile home park; and the former EVS. He also discussed the status of tax increment district #3. He also mentioned there is a local company looking to build and the City has suggested that it consider the land adjacent to KMC. Finally, there is some interest in the land next to the UP Railroad and south of Maritime Drive. *Simplicity Property* – The Common Council did not budget funds for a study of this property but it still remains a concern. The next step will likely be code enforcement followed by negotiation with the owner. Hopefully, he would consider partnering with the City on a study and possible funding alternatives offered by the State.

New Business: *Business Recognition*—Mlada mentioned that Biever Travel, Molded Dimension, and Ansay will be recognized at the December Common Council meeting. *Planning 2016*--There was discussion regarding different tasks and activities for the upcoming year. Workforce issues seem to be a reoccurring issue of concern.

Future meeting topics and forthcoming events: The next meeting will be held on January 20th.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.