

Broadway Redevelopment Committee Meeting August 27, 2015 5pm – 6:05pm

Attendees: Chair Trustee Carrico, Trustee Redmond, Trustee Watson, Trustee Balthazor, PW&P Dept Head Jim Bessler, Antonio Carrico, Lisa Wogan Economic Alliance, Laura McElroy the Herald.

- 1. Call to order with welcoming to the Kick-off of the 1st Committee Meeting. Trustee Carrico thanked everyone for their time and interest in the revitalization and asked everyone for their expectations of tonight's meeting and the beginning of the planning process. Trustee Watson believed we were going to complete a flyer to present to the business owners, Trustee Carrico stated that this will be a big, long term project and the purpose of tonight's meeting is to have everyone "on the same page" prior to presenting any ideas to Business owners and residents. In addition, we can hopefully approve the Vision Statement created from our prior strategic planning meeting and set a subsequent meeting schedule to get this project off the ground. Trustee Redmond agreed with the statements from the prior two committee members.**
- 2. Lisa Wogan was asked to explain the purpose and use of the Conceptual Renderings and presented them to the Committee and the future role that the Economic Alliance could take in this project. She explained that the Conceptual renderings were created to provide a visual image for the project and the ideas came from our Village's Strategic Planning Meeting and meeting with the Architect who made suggestions in the form of these renderings. She stressed that no decisions or formal plans have been made. Some major improvements discussed were a permanent food truck area with the suggested location of Broadway and Schuyler. Another possible location of Center St. was mentioned. All agreed that making Broadway two lanes would increase safety and possibly encourage foot traffic to**

Broadway businesses. A bike path and center medium were two other components of the Conceptual rendering.

- 3. Trustee Carrico asked if the group would like to accept the vision statement for the project as suggested, however Trustee Watson wanted more time to look it over prior to making a decision. This will be addressed in the next meeting. The Vision statement presented is as follows:**

The Broadway Commercial Corridor is a vibrant, welcoming, family friendly destination that features boutique retailers and services as well as abundant dining and hospitality options for both local resident and student population, as well as the larger Kankakee River Valley Region.

- 4. Items that will need to be addressed in future meetings:**

- * Options for the scope of the project**
- * Benefits for the resident and business owners**
- * Roles will need to be determined/subcommittees**
- * Timing and estimated length of project and phases**
- * Funding options/cost**

- 5. Mike VanMill from the economic Alliance and Larry Williams from the Kankakee Visitors Bureau will be asked to come to our next meeting to discuss funding possibilities such as:**
- * Enhancement Grants**
 - * Special Service Areas**
 - * Revolving loan possibilities**
 - * Tourism Grants.**
- Trustee Carrico brought up the possibility of bringing back Bradley Fun Days as a means to help fund the Redevelopment of Broadway.**