**Redevelopment Commission**

**February 1, 2018**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Opening and Roll Call**

**Members present:** Heather Blaudow - Chairperson, Shelly Haney, Brian Hurley, and Shannon Walls - MVCSC

**Members absent:** Suzanne Short, Larry Longman – Council Liaison

**Others present:** Town Manager Tonya Galbraith, Director of Planning and Building Ryan Crum, Gregg Morelock and Ariel Schoen

1. **Approval of January 4, 2018 minutes.**

Motion to approve the January 4, 2018 minutes as written by Shelley Haney. 2nd Brian Hurley. Passed 3:0.

1. **Discussion of vacancy on RDC**Ms. Galbraith introduced Donetta Gee-Weiler, the final applicant being considered to fill the vacancy on the RDC. Mrs. Weiler proceeded to tell the group about herself and her background and answered several questions. Ms. Galbraith then thanked Mrs.Gee-Weiler for coming and she departed.

Ms. Blaudow read aloud the recommendations from Mr. Longman and Mrs. Short who were both unable to attend this meeting. Both were in favor of choosing Mrs. Gee-Weiler for the vacancy. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Ms. Haney to recommend Ms. Donetta Gee-Weiler to the Town Council to fill the current vacancy.

Ms. Galbraith volunteered to contact the other applicants and Ms. Blaudow will contact Mrs. Gee-Weiler.

1. **Visioning principles – Tim Jensen**Mr. Jensen began with a recap of the previous meeting discussions and outcomes and distributed a summary of each of those meetings. He presented the group with the three previously created Vision Principles, with the challenge to make them more clear using fewer words. Following much discussion and “wordsmithing” the final Vision Principles read as follows:
* Develop a unique identity and character for our community.
* Form a connected walkable center to create experiences for our community.
* Enhance community economic development opportunities while developing a diversified tax base.

Mr. Jenson stated we might develop a messaging document listing frequently asked questions for use when working with potential developers. It was brought up that the best time for this would be immediately after the first of March when there is an opportunity to give the Vision Principles in public. Mr. Crum stated that the road alignment needs to be more defined before setting a specific date for that meeting and Ms. Galbraith agreed.

1. **Council Liaison Report**Ms. Galbraith gave the Council Liaison Report in the absence of Mr. Longman. She reported that since it was the first meeting of the year the annual formalities took place. The officers for 2018 are Mr. Larry Longman – President, and Mr. Larry Wood – Vice President.
2. **Old Business**
Mr. Hurley asked for the status of the Mt. Comfort Corridor Impact Study. Ms. Galbraith responded that it is dependent upon decisions regarding road realignment, land use, and a steering committee who is working to get funding.
3. **New Business**Ms. Walls gave an update on the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation. She also noted that there will be an Mt. Vernon Education Foundation Gala (MVEF) on February 14, 2018, at the Marriott Downtown.

Ms. Galbraith added that there is also a MVEF fundraising opportunity coming up for a Court of Dreams Experience being held at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. She also described an upcoming project by Meijer called “Canstruction”.

1. **Next Regular Meeting – March 1, 2018**
2. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Haney. 2nd Mr. Hurley.