

CZECH VILLAGE – NEW BOHEMIA SSMID COMMISSION MEETING

Monday April 11, 2016 9:00-10:15am – Geonetric (415 12th Ave SE)

Members: X Craig Byers X David Castelluccio Lijun Chadima X Jessalyn Holdcraft
X Stephanie Jelinek X Pamela Lewis Ana McClain X James Piersall X Robert Schaffer

Agenda Item

Action

- Called to Order at 9:07am by Craig Byers
- ~~Consent Agenda – March 21st Meeting Minutes~~ Strike from agenda, no minutes were taken at this meeting. Will add back in for future meetings. Discussed proposals made at March 21st meeting by CVNB Main Street and Economic Alliance. Reviewed negotiations with CVNB Main Street for administrative/fiscal agent services at a rate of \$25/hour.
- Chair & Vice-Chair Nominations Made
 - Chair: Craig Byers
 - Vice-Chair: Jim Piersall
- Budget & Work Plan
 - Discussed implications of commercial rollback and dual classification of multi-residential/commercial properties. Jennifer Pruden will continue to work with City and County assessors' offices for more information on SSMID taxable valuations in order to assist with future budget preparation.
 - Discussed ways to gather stakeholder input for project ideas: survey, forum, e-mail survey, portal on website
 - Discussed opportunity for "1st Impression Exchange" through Main Street Iowa (available in July-Sept, apply in June)
 - Commission briefly discussed possible projects that would make a visible impact and demonstrate to stakeholders that tax \$ are being put to good use
 - Parking: see below
 - Comprehensive Wayfinding/Signage: let committee know that CVNB SSMID would like to participate but can't commit funds at this time due to unknown taxable valuations
 - Streetscape Fixtures: discussed possible need for SSMID to cover repairs & maintenance of streetscape furniture such as benches, bike racks, & planters
 - Tiles around Kosek Bandstand: Pam Lewis mentioned poor condition of historic advertising & dedication tiles around the bandstand. The Czech & Slovak Museum is currently pursuing a grant for repairs but may need additional funds to supplement or replace grant if it is not approved
- Parking
 - Discussed current request from City of CR to transfer ownership/management of parking lots in Czech Village. The Czech Village Association plans to submit a proposal to obtain ownership for \$1. Commission discussed possible support of Czech Village Association proposal.
 - It was agreed to contribute toward a capital expenditures fund for future parking lot maintenance. Amount of support to be determined at a future date once a budget can be put together. (*Motion by Jessalyn, 2nd by David, passed unanimously*)
 - Commission recommends that the parking lots be brought up to good condition by the City of CR and to explore the possibility of a moratorium on parking meters in the CVNB District.
- Announcements & Directives: None
- Adjourned at 10:15am by Craig Byers

Takeaway

Next Commission Meeting: Regular meetings to be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 9am at the Geonetric building (note: the Geonetric building may not be available during a portion of the summer due to other commitments)

Next Meeting: May 16th, 9am at Geonetric (415 12th Ave SE)

CVNB SSMID welcomes comments from guests regarding items on the agenda. Please keep your comments focused on the agenda topic. While we do not place a time limit on discussion, please be as brief as possible so that we can move through our agenda in a timely manner. For further information or suggestions for future agenda items, please contact any Commission Member or Jennifer Pruden at crmainstreet@gmail.com