

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WED., APRIL 11, 2007**

This meeting of the Community Development Committee of Kent City Council was called to order by Chair William Schultz at 7:21 p.m. on Wed., April 11, 2007.

PRESENT: MR. BARGERSTOCK, MR. DELEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. KUCHAR, MS. OSWITCH, MR. SCHULTZ, AND MR. WILSON

ALSO PRESENT: D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. FENDER, MAYOR & PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL; & M. WEDDLE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

ABSENT: MR. HAWKSLEY & MS. GAVRILOFF.

Chair Schultz said the first item on their agenda dealt with the Tax Incentive Review Council's Annual Report.

Mike Weddle, Economic Development Coordinator, explained that the Tax Incentive Review Council, at their March 13 meeting, considered all of the active City of Kent Enterprise Zone agreements. He said they have recommended that all agreements be continued and that the Kent City Council take action on these recommendations prior to the specified deadline of April 27, 2007. Mr. Weddle said the Tax Incentive Review Council also recommended that the City identify replacements for Dr. Marc Crail of Kent Schools and Lou Perez who will be resigning from this body.

There were no Committee questions nor audience comments at this time.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Oswitch, and carried by a voice vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Schultz abstaining.

Mr. Wilson asked if Dr. Crail would be replaced by the School Board, and Mr. Weddle said he expected that Dr. Crail's replacement at the school would be the replacement on this board if not otherwise specified by the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Wilson asked if the City should advertise the vacancy being created by Mr. Perez's resignation, and the Clerk said they have not advertised previously, as that is an Administrative appointment.

Chair Schultz said the next item to be discussed would be the *Celebrate Kent!* program guidelines. **Dave Ruller, City Manager**, said when this was presented previously, Council asked for further clarification for matching requirements. He said Mr. Weddle would address that clarification.

Mr. Weddle said at the request of Council, staff modified the program guidelines to include provisions for more formal matching requirements. He said the recommended changes included a 1:1 (private to public) cash match, and/or a 2:1 (private to public) in-kind match. He said that provisions were also inserted to assure that all in-kind matches were acceptable to the City in advance of disbursement and that this form of match can be verified. Mr. Weddle said that Requests for Proposals will be sent out this week, with funding recommendations returning to Council the first week in May.

There were no questions nor audience comments at this time.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATE KENT!

Motion made by Mr. Bargerstock, seconded by Ms. Oswitch, and carried by a voice vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Schultz abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Schultz adjourned this meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

ACTIONS RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **TO APPROVE THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTIVE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS IN KENT, AND TO FILL THE REPLACEMENTS ON THE BOARD**
- 2) **TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE *CELEBRATE KENT!* PROGRAM GUIDELINES.**