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**TWINSBURG COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**October 7, 2019**

**Item 1. Rollcall:**

The meeting of the Twinsburg Community Improvement Corporation (TCIC) of October 7th was opened by the Executive Director at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Yates, Bill Furey, Scott Barr, Angelo Carciopolo, and JoAnne McFearin. Absent was Matt Cellura, Dolf Kahle, Kathi Powers Dan Syphen and Kathi Procop. Also present was Larry Finch, Executive Director.

**Item 2. Prior Meeting Minutes.**

Minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2019 were previously distributed to the members. A motion was made by Bill Furey and seconded by Scott Barr to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Item 3. Downtown Redevelopment Districts – Administrative and Financial Considerations.**

Mr. Finch opened this discussion with a review of the status of the Twinsburg Historical Society's petition to designate the Roach House as a National Register Historic Structure. Mr. Finch recently talked to Andy Tomko about this project. Mr. Tomko indicated that the State Historic Preservation Office has forwarded their application to the Department of the Interior for review and comment. He also indicated that the State review seemed favorable. More time is needed.

If the Historical Society is successful with their nomination the City would be able to establish three Downtown Redevelopment Districts instead of just two. Therefore, we will delay moving forward with designations until the status of the Roach House is confirmed.

While we are waiting for the designations to be finalized we can begin to think about how the DRD's will be managed and by what type of oversight group. The composition of the oversight body should be one where a manageable size group composed of staff, elected officials, and district residents are represented. Mr. Finch suggested a group of 5 to 9 members. Discussion about the composition of this group followed which came to a tentative consensus that a 7-member board consisting of the Mayor, two City Council members, a representative from the C.I.C., two residents from within each district, and a representative from Twinsburg City Schools would be a good combination. Resident representatives would be different for each district board. The board would be responsible for setting priorities and implementing the goals of the economic development plan for each district. They would determine how specific rehabilitation efforts would be funded and evaluate requests for assistance and design of public improvements. Each DRD would have its own priorities as each is different in terms of the number of historic properties, the need for rehabilitation and needs associated with aesthetic and infrastructure improvement.

**Item 4. Proposed Sign Code Revisions and Central Area Redevelopment Considerations.**

Mr. Finch indicated that staff has completed revisions to the City's sign regulations in an effort to comply with federal case law related to content neutrality. As Central Twinsburg includes the C-5 Mixed Residence Business District where mixed uses will ultimately be constructed, this area will have unique characteristics that will require different signage than other uniform business or residential locations. There has been some discussion about limiting electronic displays, allowing projecting signs, canopy signs and other methods of commercial speech. Mr. Finch requested that the TCIC consider what they think might be appropriate in such a mixed use environment. The City would like

to be able to adopt regulations that enable high quality signs that are compatible with the types of architecture and the unique existing aesthetics of the area.

**Item 5. Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**Item 6. Schedule the Next Meeting**

The Board determined that the next meeting date will be Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the City Hall Jury Room.

**Item 7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**Item 8. Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held to discuss the status of land purchase negotiations.

**Item 9. Adjournment**

There being no other business, Mayor Yates moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Scott Barr, Secretary/Treasurer  
Minutes approved by the Board on date \_\_\_\_\_

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Larry Finch, Executive Director