

New Carlisle Business and Community Association Minutes

August 7, 2024
New Carlisle Town Hall

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by President Craig Langhofer.

Attendees: Mindie Colanese (1st Source Bank), Joyce Forbes (Community Member), Craig Langhofer (Edward Jones), Roanna Hooton (New Carlisle Public Library), Kim Vaundry (Hometown Days), Andrew Dobkins (Tara Ashlee Photo and Design), Suzanne Nowicki (Looking Glass Travel), Jackie Widelski (New Carlisle United Methodist Church), Rosie Michiaels (Coldwell Banker, 1st Choice), Bob Humbarger (Roofwise), Michelle Genslinger (Hamilton Grove), Dawn Krueger Turner (Countryman Landscape), Kim Huston (Caldwell Banker 1st Choice), Angela Schroeder (Navistar Proving Grounds), Marcy Kauffman (Town of New Carlisle) and John Mrozinski (Town of New Carlisle).

Minutes from June, 2024 - Motion by Kim Vaundry, second by Mindie Colanese, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Mindie Colanese

July, 2024 ending balance was \$1127.31. Motion by Rosie Michiaels, second by Joyce Forbes, to approve and place on file. Motion carried.

Hometown Days – Dawn Krueger Turner

Dawn reported that the 2024 Hometown Days was very successful. The weather was great and they had 107 vendors in addition to the food vendors. Many food vendors sold out which indicated the size of the crowd of visitors. There are a couple of things that the committee would like to address for next year. The issue of the large number of dogs that visitors brought to the park. The Park website indicates that dogs are welcome in the park, but signage in the park says otherwise. Having the large number of dogs presents a potential for safety of the visitors during events. Also, the committee would like to see a portable ATM machine located near the park as many vendors are cash only. Parking is the other issue – suggestions were made to see if we could have off-site parking and shuttle people to the event.

Discover New Carlisle – Sue Nowicki

Sue reported that the US Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence) will be celebrated in 2026. Dana Groves, Historic New Carlisle, is working on possible celebrations for that year.

Beer and Wine Walk is scheduled for August 24.

Hamilton Grove - Michelle Genslinger thanked everyone for helping promote their Open House on August 1 – it was a success and they have 4 units booked.

Program: Town Update – Marcy Kauffman

Marcy reported on the many projects that the town is currently working on. She praised all the employees for their dedication to the town and willingness to provide services for the residents. The

new Town Clerk-Treasurer is Julie Brown and former Clerk-Treasurer, Sue Moffitt, has now taken on the role of Consultant to the Town Board. There is a new Park Board in place and there should be improvements to the tennis courts and the addition of a pickleball court.

Some of the projects include the GM Plant, Amazon Data Center – Aquifer Concerns/Water Plant Upgrades, Sidewalk improvements, the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. There is potential development on the east end of town which may include a gas station, storage units and the potential for other growth near Crown Event Center. Marcy would like to see re-forestation around town to replace the aging tree stock, connectivity to the east end of town with an underpass adjacent to the viaduct to allow for pedestrian access to businesses there. She also indicated the Bill Sutton's buildings have all been sold and are in the process of renovation for apartment dwellings on 2nd floor with commercial on main level. Alley improvements are also in the works. There is nothing new to report from NICTD regarding a station near downtown and three sites are under study. Andrew Dobkins asked if there were grants available to entice new businesses to locate – for example, the City of LaPorte will waive utility fees for a period of time for new businesses.

Next Meeting - September 4, at 8 AM, hosted by Historic New Carlisle, at the Museum. Details forthcoming.

Adjourn – There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:010 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Forbes