

# **New Carlisle Business and Community Association Minutes**

September 4, 2024

Historic New Carlisle Museum

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

**Attendees:** Mindie Colanese (1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank), Joyce Forbes (Community Member), Craig Langhofer (Edward Jones), Kim Vaundry (Hometown Days), Suzanne Nowicki (Looking Glass Travel), Jackie Widelski (New Carlisle United Methodist Church), Rosie Michiaels (Coldwell Banker, 1<sup>st</sup> Choice), Bob Humbarger (Roofwise), Angela Schroeder (Navistar Proving Grounds), John Mrozinski (Town of New Carlisle), Jeremy Williamson (McKinnies Realty), Sam Colalillo (American Legion Post 297), Alex King (HGR Group General Contracting) and Dana Groves (Historic New Carlisle, Inc.)

**Minutes from August, 2024** - Motion by Sam Colalillo, second by Sue Nowicki, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

## **Treasurers Report – Mindie Colanese**

Mindie reported the Treasurer's Report will be emailed to members.

## **Hometown Days – Kim Vaundry**

Kim reported that the 2024 Hometown Days was very successful. They had 107 vendors in addition to the food vendors. Many food vendors sold out which indicated the size of the crowd of visitors. The Wiffleball Tournament drew 96 teams. Next year will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Hometown Days and they are looking for additional sponsors to enable more celebratory events. Since the Town of New Carlisle covers the cost of the fireworks, their budget is eased somewhat. The committee always welcomes new members.

## **Town Update – John Mrozinski**

The Community Crossings Grant is funding street and sidewalk improvements to Ben and Ada Streets. They are also working on the ADA Program Compliance. There is a joint effort with Discover New Carlisle which has submitted a grant application designed to upgrade the alleyways and also resurface the tennis courts and add a pickleball court at Bourissa.

## **Discover New Carlisle – Dana Groves**

Dana reported that the Beer and Wine Walk was the most successful to date with over 500 in attendance. It is their biggest fund raiser and proceeds are used for the Façade grant program. They are also looking to update the wayfaring signage along Michigan. Christmas in New Carlisle is set for December 1. Discover has also applied for a grant from Cleveland Cliffs to purchase new Wreaths for the light poles along Michigan. The old ones are showing their age. Discover is also planning events for the National celebrations planned for the US Semiquincentennial (Semi Q - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence) celebrated in 2026.

## **Other Items of Interest**

Sam Colalillo announced the Steak Dinner at the Legion with entertainment for September 7. Tickets are \$18. The Legion also held their Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, September 1.

Joyce Forbes reported that the application for Reinstatement of our Non-Profit Status was filed with IRS. She also brought up issues that should be addressed by the association – We need to find the minutes for the past few years and have a central repository for these records. Review and by-laws and readopt any changes. Looking forward to next year – we need to develop a budget and make sure our income will support our expenses. There was some suggestions for a fund raiser – nothing was decided. Angela Shroeder stated Cars and Coffee was planned for the Studebaker owners and other vintage cars on Saturday, Sept 7 - 8-10 AM (ET). Studebaker will mark their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026 and they are planning activities for that celebration. Mindie reported the New Prairie Education Foundation is planning a “Color Me” Fun 5K on September 22 at 3 PM (ET) at the Cross Country course at the High School. Craig stated that we will need to have new Board members/Officers presented for approval at the November meeting. Christmas meeting discussion – Dana volunteered the Museum and Mindie volunteered to handle the entertainment.

**Program: Historic New Carlisle – Dana Groves**

Dana reported on activities at the Museum. Currently they are highlighting Hudson Lake area. Bill Stockton, South Bend Watch Company is scheduled as a on September 19. Dana updated the members regarding businesses/new owners coming to the empty storefronts – Studebaker Brewery should be opening in about a month, Mother Wilma Marshmallows may be open by December. The former Village Shoppes buildings have new owners and work is progressing on the apartments above the stores.

**Next Meeting** - Oct 4, at 1 PM (ET), hosted by the New Carlisle Olive Township Library. 1st Source Bank will provide the program.

**Adjourn** – There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Forbes

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_