

Minutes from the Thursday March 2, 2017

Broadway Redevelopment Meeting

In attendance: Members of the committee: Trustees Melissa Carrico, Michael Watson, and Robert Redmond. Village Administrator: Lisa Powers, Antonio Carrico member of the KCCC board and several members of the community.

1. **Call to order:** @5:03pm Meeting was an open forum to discuss the following items
2. **Shop Small Event:** Discussed the upcoming event presented by Barbi Watson at our last board meeting 2/27/17. Event being organized by Kankakee County Ambassadors and Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce and support given from The Kankakee County Visitors Bureau. The Village of Bradley will co-host this event but will incur no cost other than any items we choose to give away to attendees or for a raffle. This Shop Small Eat, Drink and Shop Downtown Bradley will be on Saturday May 6th from Noon to 4pm. Suggestions were discussed for items or events to be offered by the Village included: events for children such as face painting, bounce houses, gift bags, K-9 demos, tours of the fire department, and any other opportunity to promote our village and services we provide. Others asked what business owners can and will offer during this day but this will be up to each individual owner to showcase what they have to offer. The KVCC will be contacting all businesses, members and non members, to discuss this event and assist with ideas as needed such as sidewalk sales, musicians in the business, tours, or any other unique idea or specials they want to provide that day.
3. **Update on Broadway:** continued progress towards suggestions from consultants as finances allow. 16 trees along Broadway have been replaced with 12 more to go. Some in attendance asked about a couple of the recent businesses that have closed and one was for family reasons and one was for decreased enrollment issues and ADA compliance remodeling that was not financially feasible for them. Our Revolving loan program was discussed and Administrator Powers explained that it is still available and briefly about the State requirements for this program. Anyone interested in this program can contact her for more information. Possibilities of future businesses were discussed from Broadway such as the need for more small specialty businesses to meet the needs of our residents as well as attract others to our community. This is our ultimate goal to provide Bradley residents with a “walkable” Mainstreet that we can be proud of.
4. **Public Comments:** ongoing throughout meeting
5. **Adjourn @ 5:50pm** motion by Trustee Watson, 2nd by Trustee Redmond