



CCI-Guiding Coalition Meeting

April 23, 2024

Attendance: Joe Gagnon, Christel Gollnick, Chad Howerton, Jan Schwarz, Jim Patrico, Commissioner Richard Riddell, Angela Hale, Ken Pike, Theresa Stilley.

Call to Order: By Joe Gagnon @ 12:00 p.m.

Updates:

Richard reported that a "peaker plant" electric generator facility is highly possible for a site between Lathrop and Turney. It could bring significant tax revenues and a few jobs to the county. A small beef processing plant is also under discussion for a site east of Lathrop. It would process 50-60 beef animals/day and bring a few jobs. It would be a welcome resource for local cattle producers.

Old Business:

Jim reported on Content Team progress. A final report and recommendation are in the works.

Chad reported the Facilities Teams would begin work soon.

Jan reported that the Marketing Team is conducting interviews with key community influencers. The Team has found support for the hub and spoke idea for a library/economic development project. Ken Pike, Mayor of Gower, told a town gathering that "It's the hub that gives a wheel its strength," even if that hub is not in Gower, indicating support for Plattsburg as the most centrally located site.

New Business:

Theme: What are Clinton County's strengths?

Richard reported the county is well positioned for growth. Zoning rules have been loosened to allow 5-acre homesites. There is some opposition from neighbors to each proposed residential development, which causes a tension between pro-growth and anti-growth factions. Voters recently have approved tax increases for local growth projects. Richard said the Commissioners will start working on a 10-year plan to aid in growth and development. Ken reported opposition in Gower to any project labeled as apartments.

Discussion: CCI's project should include an emphasis on arts and culture. Classes and clubs on sewing, crafts, quilting and painting should be part of the center. Ken pointed to a heritage museum in Savannah. Angela reported on her job with DSS and foster care.

Should the Guiding Coalition move to quarterly rather than monthly meetings? Discussion indicated support for the idea. Lunch donation totaled \$70, which Christel will deposit in lieu of Treasurer Kristy's absence.

Invoice: The invoice to Davidson Architecture & Engineering LLC is due in the amount of \$4,000.00. This is 20% of the \$20,000.00 total due. This amount will be reimbursed through the grant. Jan made the motion to pay, seconded by Debbie, all present in favor.

Adjourned: 1:30 p.m.