



City of Appleton

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Meeting Minutes - Final Community & Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

4:30 PM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll call of membership

Present: 5 - Reed, Firkus, Thao, Alfheim and Wolff

Others present:

Chip Wood, Rebuilding Together Fox Valley

Aldersperson Denise Fenton, District #6

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim, District #13

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[21-1557](#)

CEDC Minutes from 10-27-21

Attachments: [CEDC Minutes 10-27-21.pdf](#)

Firkus moved, seconded by Wolff, that the Minutes be approved. Roll Call.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Reed, Firkus, Thao, Alfheim and Wolff

4. Public Hearings/Appearances

5. Action Items

[21-1559](#)

Request to approve the proposed amendments to the CDBG Policy as outlined in the attached documents

Attachments: [Amend CDBG Policy Memo to CEDC 11-10-21.pdf](#)

[Draft CDBG Policy 11-17-2021.pdf](#)

Wolff moved, seconded by Alfheim, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Reed, Firkus, Thao, Alfheim and Wolff

[21-1558](#)

Request to approve 2022-2023PY Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Partner Allocation Recommendations

Attachments: [Alloc Recs Memo to CEDC 11-10-21.pdf](#)
[2022 CDBG Advisory Board Membership.pdf](#)
[2022 CDBG Community Partner Award Recommendations.pdf](#)
[2022 CDBG Simple Summary Award Recommendations.pdf](#)
[Draft CDBG Policy 11-17-2021.pdf](#)

Firkus moved, seconded by Wolff, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Reed, Firkus, Thao, Alfheim and Wolff

[21-1560](#)

Request to approve a one (1) month extension to the Planning Option Agreement with Merge, LLC (d/b/a Merge Urban Development Group) for a potential mixed-use development located on the former Blue Ramp site

Attachments: [Merge Option Extension Memo_11-10-21.pdf](#)
[Merge Option Extension 2.pdf](#)
[Merge Option Extension 1.pdf](#)
[Merge Signed Planning Option 2-6-20.pdf](#)

Amendment to lengthen the extension to February 4, 2022.

Wolff moved, seconded by Alfheim, that the Report Action Item be amended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote: (5-0)

Firkus moved, seconded by Alfheim, that the Report Action Item be recommended for approval as amended. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Reed, Firkus, Thao, Alfheim and Wolff

[21-1587](#)

The Community and Economic Development Committee may go into closed session pursuant to State Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussing real estate negotiations regarding the potential sale of the former Blue Ramp site in Downtown Appleton and then reconvene into open session

The Committee did not go into closed session.

6. Information Items

7. Adjournment

Alfheim moved, seconded by Wolff, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:41 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Reed, Firkus, Thao, Alfheim and Wolff