

# **EVENDALE COUNCIL FINANCE, RECREATION, GORMAN FARM AND ECAC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present were, Council members Chris Schaefer, Bill Puthoff and Jeff Albrinck, CFO Cynthia Caracci, Recreation Director David Nichols, Mayor Dick Finan, Director of Administration David Elmer, Evendale Cultural Arts Director Susan Gordy, Tricia Watts and Chris Patterson of Gorman Heritage Farm, and resident Stiney Vonderhaar.

**Administration**- Mayor Finan reported that Eli's has withdrawn interest in the former Homer's site due to current expansion in other areas. It is hoped that they will revisit this opportunity when other business obligations settle down

A Micro brewer has expressed interest for the building next to Ryan's glass, on North Reading Rd.

MedMArt plans on expansion and is interested in adding a new facade and has asked the village to contribute toward streetscaping. Introduced a private-public program to enhance business frontage that has been adopted in Kettering, OH

There continues to be significant interest in the Aerohub Development.

Mayor Finan has been approached by CAT House (Center for Addiction Treatment) looking for a contribution toward the construction of a new building. CAT House is one of the leading programs in the battle of drug abuse. The mayor would like to contribute \$10,000.

David Elmer informed the committee that the February agenda will include the "Rental Registration Permit Fee" ordinance.

David Elmer discussed the latest version of the Injury Leave policy and light duty. Committee members all contributed thoughts and concerns that should be incorporated into the policy.

## **Finance**

Cynthia Caracci reported that January receipts were \$1,362,311, approximately \$100,000 more than 2016

Significant transfers from the Unencumbered fund are scheduled due to property acquisition and associated infrastructure expenses, and the I-75 "Thru the Valley" project.

Completed certification with Hamilton County auditor.

Ohio Audit report is about 95% complete and should be completed soon

Sale of the Trosset property on Glendale Milford Rd has been completed. The CIC will transfer the proceeds to Gorman Farm per agreement.

Will be sending out RFPs for banking services. The committee agreed that the banking options should be limited to those banks with branches in Evendale. It is expected that there will be an Ordinance in April or May.

The committee will be reviewing investment options in the next few months

Will be finalizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the "Recycle Grant in the next month

Sections 258 & 260 of the Personnel Code is being reviewed

Working with the Greater Cincinnati Foundation for a \$10,000 grant for the new Memorial

### **Evendale Cultural Arts Center**

Susan Gordy reported that after discussions with the mayor, the commission terms will be updated

She is working on new formatting for reports

Randan Shaw has linked CAC into village network

January attendance was very strong

Playhouse in the Park's presentation of "Around the World in 80 Days" is sold out.

Wine tasting events have been resurrected with large and small events planned, along with partnering with the Evendale Chamber of Commerce to coordinate some of the future wine tasting events.

Fine Arts Exhibit is May 5-8

### **Recreation**

Mr. Nichols reported that the fitness center will sponsor a wellness expo on March 4 with UC Health mobile diagnostic vehicle offering mammograms

February agenda will include an Ordinance appointing Justin McDaniel as the Phi member to the Recreation Commission.

The Recreation Dept will be hiring a few PT employees due to vacancies

### **Gorman Heritage Farm**

Tricia Watts reported that AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps will be coming to work at the farm from March 13 to April 28, focusing on four projects around the farm. The group will be comprised of 8-10 college age kids.

The Farm has submitted the annual report and discussed data. Record operating revenues in 2016 in excess of \$700,000. The balance sheet continues to grow and improve

The arm is very busy getting ready for the 2017 season

Ms. Watts reported that the board is continuing their review of the labor law issues regarding overtime and bonuses..

On motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, the meeting adjourned at 7:25.