

**Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission**  
Special Meeting with the CMBA  
**May 2, 2016**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a joint Economic Development Planning Commission meeting was held on May 2, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at Sartell City Hall.

**PLANNING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Orman, Ryan Fitzthum, Anna Gruber, Dawn Moen

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Drewes, Dawn Loberg, Mike Schoenecker, Bruce Stainbrook, Chad Zimmerman, Mayor Sarah Jane Nicoll (EDC ex-officio)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heladio Zavala, Julie Whitney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nate Keller, Community Development Technician  
Mike Nielson, City Engineer  
Colby Warzecha, Student Liaison  
Anita Rasmussen, Community Development Director

**CMBA REPRESENTATION:** Ernie Wollak, Duane Schultz, Steve Feneis, Jason Ferche, Jane DeAustin, Tim Torborg

Orman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Orman offered background to the group regarding conversations the members of the Planning Commission have had over the past few months regarding the condition of properties in Sartell. Specifically concerns related to garbage, debris and weed growth, but also concerns regarding the stockpiling of dirt on high profile properties.

Ferche offered that because the City is developing, there will be piles of dirt which are stockpiled. The intent is that the mounds are temporary, but the recession and slow recovery have resulted in the piles being removed more slowly than anticipated. Schoenecker offered that to move the dirt is incredibly expensive. Feneis offered that the piles of dirt represented future jobs, tax base, and growth. Wollak stated that he typically hides his dirt piles or brings them to a central location – but in residential development that is easier to do.

Orman asked if there was a reasonable solution to the unsightliness. Drewes asked about current regulations. Rasmussen said that the only rules on stockpiles were related to stormwater requirements. Based on staff research, there are virtually no ordinances on the stockpiling of dirt. Enforcement would be an issue. Fitzthum told the group that he thought it would be insulting to the development community if we had regulations on temporary stockpiles and that it would portray the City as not being development-friendly or ready. Orman asked if there was anything that can be done about weed control.

Ferche expressed his disdain for the condition and appearance of rain gardens. Gruber suggested that we turn our efforts in working with property owners in weed and garbage control.

Mayor Nicoll expressed her appreciation to the development community and the work they do to make Sartell a wonderful community.

**ADJOURN**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:05.**

Minutes by:  
Anita Rasmussen, Community Development Director

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