Economic Development Review Committee meeting March 8, 2011

Present: Angell, Barg, Cummings, Strey

Absent: Wagner

Others: Mayor Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. in the 6th floor conference room.

Angell moved and Cummings seconded the motion to elect Barg as chairperson. Motion carried 3-0, with Barg abstaining.

The report submitted by Vierbicher Associates, Inc. was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that each organization referenced has been asked to respond to the points raised in their respective sections by no later than Monday, April 11th.

Members reviewed the issues in the report that are specific to the City of Marshfield, and developed responses to each of these items. The areas of concern included the following:

- 1. Defined role for the City in economic development
- 2. Orientation and education for elected officials
- 3. Accountability to citizens (financial, etc.)
- 4. Council presence on boards of other agencies
- 5. Efficiency in timely review and processing

It was also suggested to hold monthly City Administrator breakfasts, each with a different business sector (medical, education, etc.), and it was agreed to include this with the City's official response.

After April 11th, once we have responses from the other organizations, it was agreed that staff will meet with representatives from each organization to clarify their answers. Then the team will reconvene to review the responses and compile overall recommendations to bring forward to the Council.

No date was set for the next meeting, but it was agreed that an e-mail will be sent to the members to schedule a meeting, probably for a date in late April.

Cummings moved and Strey seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Barg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Barg City Administrator