

**New Carlisle Town Council Work Session Memorandum, February 2, 2016**

The Work Session began at 5:00 PM.

Present were President Carter, Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Rypma, Council Member Vermillion and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt.

Also in attendance were Jennifer Vandeburg, Jared Huss, Kathy Aurenz, Dana Groves, John Mrozinski and Craig Langhofer.

Jennifer Vandeburg is the new OCRA representative for our area. She presented information regarding programs available through OCRA that she felt would be beneficial to New Carlisle including CRI (Community Readiness Initiative), HCI (Hometown Collaboration Initiative) and PBIF (Place Based Investment Fund).

Jennifer explained the usefulness of both the CRI and HCI programs to help communities determine the best course of action to align the community's vision with its assets. The HCI is a new, groundbreaking capacity building program that expands the pipeline of local leaders, seeks to strengthen existing economic assets and offers placemaking strategies that improve quality of life and attractiveness for investment. It is offered in partnership with Purdue and Ball State Universities.

The importance of planning and vision for the future of communities was discussed at length.

Jennifer is in St. Joseph County on the first Tuesday of each month and would be available to meet again with the council and representatives of the New Carlisle Business and Community Association and Discover New Carlisle to discuss programs and opportunities that OCRA offers.

The work session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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Ken Carter, President

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer