

CAC MEETING  
January 17, 2007

Attendance Roger Strohm, Joe Janson, Mike Erlich, Randy Sharbuno, Sue Orvis, Randy Tetzlaff , and Don Cosentine

The meeting started at 6:30 pm  
Minutes were approved and seconded as typed

Randy Tetzlaff, Mike Erlich and Roger Strohm talked to representatives at Aquarius, KMC Stamping, and Kleen Test. Some of their comments were as follows:

**AQUARIUS**

- Would like to expand in the future and will need to hire more workers
- Housing in Port very affordable and great place to raise family
- Would like to see more school kids on college tracks

**KMC STAMPING**

- Want high school graduates with some work experience
- Good trig and geometry background
- Would be willing to do a mentorship—tried to do a scholarship program with a high school and that particular high school never responded
- Complained about taxes
- Infrastructure is good
- Would like to see park improvements
- Housing no complaints
- Would even offer positions appropriate for handicapped if they could find a source

**KLEEN TEST**

- Most labor is obtained from Milwaukee and through temp agencies
  - Image issues
  - Could not attract local people to work
- Want to be able to expand but not to the aesthetics as their current building
- Condition of roads important
- Could not make connections with schools
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**Frequent comments/Synopsis from businesses**

- Maintaining good infrastructure very important
- Very willing to work with schools but has had no luck in return phone calls when the companies tried to arrange contacts with the local schools
  - We asked Randy to notify Gary Myrah to let him know that someone in the school system seems to be ‘dropping the ball’. There is lots of opportunities that don’t seem to be utilized.
- How can they improve their image so local people will want to work for them?

### **Goal/Objective of Economic Development**

We discussed what will make downtown Port Washington a sustainable business area. With Saukville trying to attract 'Big Box' type stores, is it realistic to think downtown Port Washington can support commercial retail or should we try to develop ourselves into a tourist attraction?

The following are some bullet points that we raised to consider when making our economic plan

- What is downtown?
  - Tourism vs retail stores
- New mall on North end
  - Will Sentry survive once Super Walmart comes in??
- Retain what businesses we have
  - Especially those with large numbers of employees (ie Ansay)
- Revolving loans
- Improve harbor for visitors
  - Sailing club/lessons
- Attract tourists/high end
- Community center
- Artists
- Office

Next meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>

Our goal at the next meeting is to try to come up with a ratio of business types as we did with housing.

Adjourned at 8:07 pm