We will enhance community and quality of life through people, parks, and programs.

**Business Development Team: Business Planning for Civic Center**
**Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 12:30 p.m.**
**Second Floor, Committee Room**
**Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue**
**Traverse City, Michigan 49686**

**MINUTES**

I. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**
Commissioners Present: Alisa Kroupa, Rodetta Harrand, Jeri LeRoi, Kevin McElyea
Commissioners Excused: Pete Albers
Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Christine Maxbauer, Grand Traverse County Commissioner; Pat Hoekte and Rick Taylor, Bayside Travellers

III. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

IV. **Approval of Minutes, July 25, 2016 Business Development Team Meeting**
The July 25, 2016 Business Development Team Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

V. **Approval of/Additions to Agenda**
The July 25, 2016 Business Development Team Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved.

VI. **Bayside Travellers’ User Agreement for Gilbert Lodge, Twin Lakes Park**
Commissioner Kroupa had questions pertaining to the Bayside Travellers’ current fees, attendance, methods used to track membership, and general information.

Director proposed raising fees for the 2016-2017 season from $200 to $250 per event.

Commissioner Kroupa recommended reducing Parks staffing during the events to assist with justifying the subsidized cost of the user group.

Office Manager will provide Bayside Travellers with grant opportunities and support for making this program a success.

Commissioner Maxbauer requested that Bayside Travellers not book Gilbert Lodge on a Saturday in June 2017 at the reduced rate, because June is a popular month for weddings.
MOTION by Kroupa, second by McElyea, to direct Director to work with Prosecuting Attorney’s Office to establish a one-year agreement for subsidizing the program and to develop a relationship with the user group to become a self-sustaining customer and to reach the ability to cover regular costs associated to the rental of Gilbert Lodge. Motion carried.

VII. Civic Center Project Updates
The Director reported that the crowdfund campaign is off to a slow start and needs to pick up momentum to reach its goal. Team discussed fundraising and marketing strategies for bringing exposure to the campaign.

VIII. Second Public Comment

IX. Notices and Team Member Comments
There were no notices or team member comments.

X. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.