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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Joint Meeting of the County Special Committee & City Special Committee**
DATE/TIME: June 7, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, Galena, IL
CHAIRPERSON: Steve McIntyre
PRESENT: Todd Lincoln, Brad Petersburg, Steve McIntyre; RJ Winkelhake
ABSENT: Jerry Westemeier, Robert Hahn,
GUESTS: Dan Burke, Robert Mahan, Katherine Walker, Hal Gilpin, Jess Farlow,
 Amelia Roth, Luanne Gagliardi

1. **Minutes Approval**

a) Brad moved to approve the April 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes; Todd seconded; motion carried.

2. **Citizens' Comments** – Amelia Roth offered comments critical of the election process.

3. **Unfinished Business** – An updated version of the Exhibit A Checklist was reviewed. The new DMO Board is responsible for taking the lead on the next three steps on Exhibit A: creating a new DMO entity, drafting a DMO Services Agreement, and starting the CEO search. Robert Mahan, chair of the new DMO Board, was invited to report on the Board's progress on these items. The Bylaws and Services Agreement were submitted to the County last Friday for discussion and possible action at yesterday's Executive Committee meeting. However, no discussion on these items occurred based on advice from the County's legal counsel. The County's counsel is requiring that the DMO's counsel complete his review of the documents first and such review is not yet complete. The CEO position has been posted on various sites appropriate for seeking DMO professionals with applications due June 15. RJ expressed criticism of the election process for the inaugural DMO Board and suggested that the best course may be to do the election over. Lengthy discussion ensued including comments that were accepted from guests attending the meeting. In the end, the consensus of the special committees was to learn from our mistakes and move forward. Some time was spent reviewing Article III of the new DMO Bylaws, which describes the composition of the Board and the nominating and appointment process. There was discussion and clarification on various points. Going forward, there will be a more conventional nominating and appointment process for a nonprofit board as opposed to the election process used for the inaugural board. The County, City, Eagle Ridge and Chestnut will continue to each appoint one director. The other 7 board seats will be appointed by the DMO Board based on nominations from the same categories used for the inaugural board (small lodging, large lodging, retail, restaurant and 3 at-large). Unlike the process used for the inaugural board, only stakeholders within a given category will make nominations for a board member from that category. There are no term limits but it was reported that neither the CVB nor VG have term limits either. Robert explained that, as terms expire, the DMO nominating committee will seek nominations for the expiring position so stakeholders will have the opportunity to nominate other candidates if they are dissatisfied with a given director.

4. **New Business - none**

5. **Citizens Comments - none**

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**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. following a motion made by Todd, which was seconded by RJ.
Motion passed.**

The next joint meeting of the County and City Special Committees will be at 6 p.m. July 5th at City Hall (assuming it is available).