

Approved Minutes
Village of Manchester
Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting
August 21st 2007
7:00 p.m. Village Hall

Members Present: Stephanie Beuerle, Chris Fegan, Sue Fielder, Jody Flowers, Karl Racenis and Pat Vaillencourt

Members Absent: Karen Hinkley, Ron Milkey and Bob Wahr

Others Present: Jeff Wallace and Chris Lehr

Meeting called to order: 7:05 by Karl Racenis

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda was reviewed. Vaillencourt moved New Business be first on the agenda, seconded by Flowers, agenda approved with corrections.

The July meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Vaillencourt, seconded by Flowers, minutes approved. Beuerle abstained.

New Business:

- Jeff Wallace brought plans for the DDA to review on the M-52 project. Land acquisition from MDOT for the funeral home property was discussed. This would widen the street, new curb and gutter and a new water main would be installed. Vaillencourt stated that the funeral home's historical integrity has been compromised because of all the architectural changes that had been made. Racenis asked Wallace what was needed from the DDA. Wallace needed a general consensus from the board to remove the funeral home for M-52 improvement. Chris Fegan made a motion to approve reconfiguration of M-52/funeral home property as per MDOT plan presented as dated 1/4/07 drawings from Bergmann & Associates. Supported by Flowers, motion approved.

Old Business:

- Raisin River Watershed Plan: Chris Lehr from Nativescape LLC gave a presentation regarding native plants, improving water quality, storm water purification and increasing of soil fertility for better air quality. Also had ideas for river walk. Spoke that everything in the Mill Pond is native, suggested thinning it out. Vaillencourt made a suggestion of cleaning out mill pond and putting under the water shed program. Lehr has knowledge on getting grants and studies. We need to develop a concept plan in different phases. Racenis asked about business agreement and Lehr offered to put together plan and project description. Vaillencourt questioned dredging mill pond, Lehr said the sediment build up is by the damn.
- Racenis asked Vaillencourt about filling the open board position. Vaillencourt also addressed the question of Fegan's participation, as she is no longer has a downtown business and is not running for Chamber President. Bylaws were reviewed and noted that Fegan can be on the board, as a majority of membership meet the legal requirements and she has demonstrated interest.
- Fegan had some school board concerns on the re routing of buses during the construction. MDOT will have a timeline approximately 6 to 8 months prior to help with informing the public.

Reports: None at this time.

Next Meeting September 18 at the Village Hall 7 pm

Adjournment: 9:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Beuerle
Secretary