

**Unapproved Minutes
Village of Manchester DDA
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2008**

Members Present: Chris Fegan, Susan Fielder, Jody Flowers, Karen Hinkley, Karl Racenis

Members Absent: Stephanie Beuerle, Pat Vaillencourt

Others Present: Rachel Fegan, Taylor Fegan

Meeting called to order at 7:50 by Racenis

Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve – Fegan, support - Fielder. Approved- all.

Motion to approve Dec. 18th minutes: Motion – Flowers, support – Fielder. Approved – all. Abstain – Fegan, Hinkley.

Public Participation: None.

Old Business:

- A. **MDOT Transportation Enhancement Design:** Karl is meeting with Neil on Wed. morning (Jan. 23rd) to discuss the design. Even though the work may be deferred until 2009, the plan should be finished by March to avoid any cost increases.

We are still waiting on the lighting proposal from Consumers.

Susan made note of the two open seats on the DDA board. Karl stated he reported that fact to the Village Council the previous evening. He will address the issue with Pat Vaillencourt, Village President.

New Business:

- A. **MDOT Open House:** MDOT is planning to host an “open house” on Feb. 20 at the village hall. The time will be posted on the DDA website. The village is encouraging members of the community to attend and fill out comment cards. Discussion was held regarding the DDA attendance at the open house. Karl will speak with Jeff Wallace to determine what role the DDA should play at the open house. Karl stated it would be desirable to have as many DDA board members attend as possible. The State Historical Preservation Office considers the funeral home a historical marker. Discussion was held regarding

the support of the DDA, the MACC, and the Manchester Historical Study Committee that all conclude the support of the MDOT project.

- B.** The Village council passed a resolution Monday night (the 21st) in favor of the realignment of the M-52/Main Street intersection. Karl drafted a copy on behalf of the DDA to support the action taken by council. Motion by Fegan, supported by Fielder, to pass the resolution by realignment of the M-52/Main Street intersection. Roll call vote: Fegan – y; Fielder – y; Flowers – y; Hinkley – y; Racenis – y. Motion carried.
- C. Treasurer:** Discussion was held regarding the open position of treasurer and vice-chairman. Flowers stated he would assist anyone who took the treasury position. Fegan stated she would be inclined to be vice-chairperson. Discussion tabled until the two remaining seats on the DDA board are filled.

Reports: The Joint Planning Commission was discussed. Karl reported the board was formed in Sept. 2007, and has been meeting monthly. Karl requested that he formally represent the DDA board at these meetings.

Discussion was held regarding private homes entwined throughout the DDA boundary. (Specifically, Main Street, from Clinton to Washington). Fielder stated she feels it's her responsibility to speak up for fellow neighbors who may not want to be located within the commercial district for fear of losing their historic quality. Karl stated perhaps the proper thing to do is form a historic district. Karl also noted that Manchester has a master plan already in place.

Reminders: The Downtown Revitalization Workshop is next Tuesday from 9:00 – 4:00. (Jan. 29th). Karl and Pat are signed up to go. Let Karl know if you would like to join them.

Motion to adjourn – Fegan; Support – Hinkley. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Fegan (substituting for Beuerle)