

Manchester Downtown Development Authority
July 28, 2009
Unapproved Minutes

Members Present: Ray Berg, Alan Dyer, Susan Fielder, Karl Racenis, Dawn Steele, and Pat Vaillencourt

Guest: Neal Billetdeaux, JJR

Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 pm

Racenis expressed condolence to Neal and his family regarding his father's recent passing.

Approval of agenda as amended:

- Postponing Election of Officers until more members present

Motion by Vaillencourt, support by Berg, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes as amended:

- Typographical corrections
- Clarification of discussion with M. Schaurer

Motion by Vaillencourt, support by Berg, motion carried.

No public participation

Old Business:

1. Billetdeaux initiated a discussion of the timing for the grant deadlines, given the project has been pushed back to a 2011 start date. Vaillencourt reported on recent conversations with Mark Schaurer and others. The recommendation was to continue with September target for submitting TEA plan details for street benches, lights etc. Remaining SHPO issues are minor and resolution is expected shortly. The project could be ready to be put out for bids in early 2010, allowing adequate time to finalize right-away and other negotiations for the 2011 start date. The State's financial contribution to the Main Street part of the project is relatively small. Even if the M-52 portion is delayed due to the State's economy, the Village would still have adequate opportunity to work with the Federal government to complete at least a portion of the enhancement project. Vaillencourt expressed appreciation for the bipartisan support we are receiving from state and federal elected officials.
2. Review of Street Lighting-