

Manchester Downtown Development Authority
Approved Minutes for April 28, 2010

Present: Karl Racenis, Susan Fielder, Beth Tomaszewski, Pat Vaillencourt, Russell Rhoton, Dawn Steele, Ray Berg, Alan Dyer

Absent: Jody Flowers

Call to order: 7:05

Pledge of Allegiance: 7:06

Approval of Agenda: Vaillencourt, Berg 2nd, motion carried

Approval of Minutes as amended Berg, Dyer 2nd, motion carried
Steele abstained due to not being there for the meeting

Minutes to be changed to Washtenaw Council Consortium

2. Racenis is spelled incorrectly
3. Lieu was spelled incorrectly

Public Participation-Open & Closed

Old Business:

1. Downtown Enhancement Project Status:

Vaillencourt had a meeting with Mike from MDOT and he felt we could separate the M-52 and downtown enhancement project with minimal costs. They are encouraging us to go ahead with project. It may help us from jeopardizing the loss of the funds from the state. The bridge would be a good spot to possibly separate the two projects.

2. Mill Pond walking bridge investigation:

Berg contacted the engineer for that project. He would like to come and look at our location to give us a firm idea on what the cost would be. Fielder moved to have him come in and look at the location at no cost to us. Vaillencourt 2nd, the motion carried.

Berg also investigated the rails to trails and contacted a manager of a trail in Rochester. She is going to give him some financial information on doing something like this here in Manchester. He presented a map and will come to the next meeting with some more information on cost and possibilities.

3. Future DDA Objectives and Projects:

Racenis brought up the question of what could be our objectives while waiting for our big project. Berg suggested maybe doing some of the volunteer projects from page 13 of our development brochure. Fielder proposes we put together a database for local contacts. Racenis said there is actually something on the chamber website.

New Business:

1. Manchester Wellness Planning Coalition:

Racenis provided a checklist of the village assessment for Manchester. Berg said The idea was to bring groups together as a united front for Manchester. So they can have a higher rate of success in getting grant money from the Wellness

Foundation.

2. 2010-2011 Budget;

According to recent information provided by the Village, our account balance is \$400, but Fielder said we should have approximately \$2000. Possibly the \$1600 could be from homeowners not paying their taxes yet. She will talk to Jack Gould and clarify that. The proposed budget (copies provided at the meeting) indicated zero revenue next year due to declining property values. Some options would be either to pay Bergman and have a zero balance, or allocate our remaining funds in a fund balance account to possibly cover the administrative costs for the next few years. It was decided to allocate a portion of our revenue for possible brochures or signage if need be when the construction begins. Fielder would like to keep \$5000 in a fund balance in anticipation of zero TIF revenue. Racenis proposed we put a line under DDA Administration for pursuing grant funding.

Reports:

Treasurer: Proposed budget distributed and discussed under New Business

Chairman: none

Next meeting will be May 26, 2010

Adjournment: Dyer moved to adjourn, Berg support, motion carried 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Steele, secretary