

MANCHESTER DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2010

Present: Ray Berg, Susan Fielder, Karl Racenis, Russell Rhoton, Pat Vaillencourt and Beth Tomaszewski.

Absent: Alan Dyer and Jody Flowers

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Ray Berg moved, Susan Fielder seconded

Approval of Minutes: Beth will correct spelling of Russell's last name. Motion moved to approve minutes by Ray Berg and seconded by Susan Fielder. Pat Vaillencourt abstained.

Old Business:

1. Downtown Enhancement Project & Review of Walk-around: Karl Racenis:
Walk around took place on October 23rd at approximately 9:00 am. Those present were Karl Racenis, Ray Berg, Jeff Wallace and Beth Tomaszewski. Increase the number of trash containers to 8. Drinking Fountain: do we want to replace it or keep it as is? No decision was made. MDOT project is expected to start in 2012. Recommendation from Bergmann Associates is to wait until 2012.
2. Manchester Shared-Use Path and Mill Pond Bridge Project: Ray Berg:
Ray drove up to Holland Michigan to view the bridge there. This was also a MDOT project. Bridge is 250 feet in length and is 14 feet wide. If any federal funding is involved the bridge must be 14 feet wide. Ray looked at the foundation and footings as well. Ray will forward his proposed document to the Board Members. Ray will walk the trail again within the next few weeks. Ray will conduct a presentation to the Village Council on November 15th. Ray would like to get the grant request in before the end of the year.
3. Buss Barn and House: Pat Vaillencourt: Village now owns the Buss Barn and the house. They are seeking bids to have them both torn down. Pat asked the DDA members for suggestions for the use of the property. She also asked that the DDA hold a public meeting with the Parks Department.

New Business:

1. MDA Membership Renewal and Monroe Conference – Nov. 5th 2010: Karl:
Motion to pay the invoice of \$100.00 for the conference: Roll Call taken. Motion carried by all, approved by Ray Berg.

2. Christmas Lights: Ray Berg: Ray stated that the lights need to last for 2 more Years. Lights will be turned on November 10th, 2010. There will be a Holiday Home Tour, 5 homes will participate. Funds will be used to update the Christmas displays.
3. Board Members: Currently the board is short two members with the resignation of Dawn Steele and Alan Dyer. Pat Valleincourt asked if the DDA had any recommendations.

Reports: Treasurer: No report
Chairman: No report

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Pat Vaillencourt at 8:05 pm, second made by Ray Berg, motion carried.