

Approved Minutes
Village of Manchester
Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2007
7:00 p.m. Village Hall

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Neal Billetdeaux and Scott Dierks

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Racenis

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda was reviewed, changes made: New Business moved to be first, motion by Beuerle, seconded by Fegan. All Approved

Minutes from the October meeting reviewed motion by Wahr, seconded by Flowers. Minutes approved. Beuerle abstained.

Public Participation: None

New Business:

- Scott Dierks from JF New introduced himself and gave a presentation on Ecological Solutions. They are a full service company, helping to assess the natural features of property. Dierks informed the board that some landscapes may be attractive, but may not be ecologically functional. Vaillencourt spoke on how other towns' rivers are clean and beautiful, while ours is over - grown and green. Dierks recommends native plants' strong root system to stop the erosion process on the banks. Fegan asked if the maintenance was on- going. Dierks replied "the first couple of years until the plants are well established. Hinkley questioned if educational classes are available, and Dierks said yes. Vaillencourt asked if grants are available to private and public property owners along the river bank, Dierks said, both can apply for grants but matching funds are required.

Old Business:

- **River Raisin Watershed-** 1 Month away from final draft for DEQ. The goal is to improve water quality so river can meet all 7 identified uses. This is a 20-30 year plan. Manchester/Irish Hills area has good water quality, and it is a high migratory bird habitat. Dierks recommended that we prioritize and detail entries into the plan before submitting to DEQ. We need to have approved Watershed draft by December 5th for a spring of 2008 approval.
- **Streetscape-** Racenis distributed paperwork on downtown enhancement. Neal Billetdeaux will give a drawing to Bergmann and Associates for the landscaping aspect. The Village is waiting for the four corners issues to be resolved before the project will start. The decisions regarding the Ann Arbor/Main Street intersection will affect our seating. We are also waiting for survey and Consumers Energy specifications regarding the lights. Neal has to wait to get this info before starting. We will need to view and determine tree spacing.
- **Revitalization Workshop-** Vaillencourt passed out paperwork if anyone is interested.

Reports: None at this time

Adjournment: 9:35

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Beuerle
Secretary