

CITY OF HUDSONVILLE

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

DDA Voting Members Present: Don Van Doeselaar, Jeff Berens, Doug Butterworth, Dale Sall, Larry Gemmen, Jim Roskam, Dr. Brad Dykstra, Stan Buell and Joel Keegstra

Non-Voting Attendees: Pauline Luben, Jim Fredricks, Art Bolt, Jan Sal, Dan Strikwerda, and Matt Vande Bunte of the GR Press

Absent: Gary Huizen

I. Call to Order:

Jeff Berens called the meeting to order at 7:27 a.m.

II. Minutes:

A motion was made, supported and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from August 27, 2009.

III. Funding for Chicago Drive Enhancement Grant Application:

Strikwerda gave a brief description of the 3 submittals and findings for the grant application proposal. Luben mentioned that we hired RJM to provide an initial estimate of this project, so we will need to reimburse them. Strikwerda recommended MC Smith due to their lower fee, although we couldn't go wrong with either MC Smith or RJM as they are both top notch. Roskam suggested the DDA go with MC Smith per staff recommendation. Butterworth asked about the cost between the companies. Luben said they are both good but MC Smith is a little lower. She then suggested a subcommittee. Butterworth, Mayor Van Doeselaar and Gemmen are willing to serve. The motion carried to move forward with MC Smith.

IV. 5459, 5501 & 5517 32nd Avenue:

Mayor Van Doeselaar moved and Dr. Dykstra supported that we go into executive session due to the financial issues. It received unanimous approval. Discussion ensued and then Dr. Dykstra made a motion and the Mayor supported the motion to go back into normal session.

Roskam made a motion that we authorize the negotiation committee consisting of Mayor Don Van Doeselaar, Jim Fredricks, Dale Sall & Larry Gemmen to negotiate the purchase of 5459 32nd Avenue, supported by Dr. Dykstra, which was unanimously approved.

Roskam made a motion that we authorize the negotiation committee to negotiate the purchase of 5501 32nd Avenue, supported by Dr. Dykstra, which was unanimously approved.

Roskam made a motion that we authorize the negotiation committee to negotiate the purchase of 5517 32nd Avenue, supported by Dr. Dykstra, which was unanimously approved.

V. Financial Report:

Sal answered questions on the budget. Property values went down a hair. Luben said taxes will decrease in the next year, partly because the city is buying property.

VI. City Sign:

Luben stated that the owner of 5367 Plaza Avenue would like the sign at the northeast corner of Plaza Avenue and Central Boulevard repainted or replaced with a new sign. It was decided that since changes are proposed in the area that it did not make sense to put a new sign there or repaint the sign at this time. Dr. Dykstra made a motion and Butterworth support removing the sign at the northeast corner of Plaza Avenue and Central Boulevard.

VII. Adjournment:

Berens adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel J. Strikwerda, AICP