

Minutes of Mantorville EDA May 19, 2004

Minutes from April EDA meeting.

Motion to approve - (Brannan/Nash) - passed 3-0-1

Vacancy on EDA.

Cheryll has requested a leave from secretarial duties and regular attendance of EDA meetings. This leaves 2 open slots. We need to actively look for someone to fill at least one of these slots. Don Pappas will be approached. EDA members to consider other possibilities.

Need for contract work:

Annie mentioned that none of the members of the EDA have sufficient free time to actively research projects. Suggested we advertise for consulting proposals on a part time basis. Luke mentioned that the county EDA might have resources available. Diane and Annie are still planning to contact the Kasson EDA for consul.

Motion to place an ad in the League of MN Cities newsletter for prospective consulting services and proposals (Nash/Reihl) motion passed uvv

Annie will phrase the ad and submit it.

TIF reports are due again. Have hired this service out in the past and Cheryll has stated that the price was well worth the cost, based on the paperwork involved.

Motion to do the same this year (Reihl/Brannan) passed uvv.

Sesquicentennial Update: The Sesquicentennial Committee has requested a meeting change where the EDA would switch to the 3rd Wednesday of the month instead of the 1st. We will ask Cheryll to make the appropriate changes in public postings.

Farmers Market/Flea Market Update: Annie mentioned that confusion with the organization/coordination of this activity has been largely resolved. It was a shared responsibility by many parties (EDA, Mantorville Historic Tourism Association, and the Chamber). The Flea Market is now sponsored by the Chamber, but the advertising is being placed by the Tourism Association. The Farmers Market is sponsored by the Chamber and could be co-sponsored by the EDA. Comments about the flea market centered around the impression that it is not as organized as it might be and that vendors are unsure where to set up and who to pay. However, the advertising appears to be in order and it might come through. This is the third year of the Farmers Market. The Flea Market is in its infancy.

Motion to continue to support and fund the Farmers Market at the level as past years.

(Nash/Huppler)

Discussion: We probably need to initiate a flea market/farmer's market discussion where we get the three groups together in January 2005 or in the fall of 2004 to do a review of past experiences for future improvement. Probably can't do much this year - some trial and error is needed. We should inform the groups involved of our intent to initiate these reviews.

Motion passed uvv

Lots by Riverside Park - This would be a good project for the consulting project. Luke will see if he can make some calls to some contacts. Gary talked to someone at the state on possible costs and was given an estimate of \$7-10,000 for physical exploration.

Round table discussion:

Luke asked the question: Are we a member of the Chamber of Commerce?

Motion to join the Chamber (Brannan/Nash) Passed uvv

motion to adjourn (Nash/Brannan) passed uvv