

Minutes of EDA October 20, 2004

Attendees:

Brannan, Carlson, Nash, Huppler

Agenda:

Minutes

- Past minutes are in progress – July taken by Karl but not distributed, September taken by Cheryl and in progress
- Annie reminded Karl that he volunteered to take minutes in future meetings.

Financial Report

- deferred to next meeting

TIF for Butch - will be on Council Meeting agenda @ the next meeting.

- We are all set to close the TIF and pay Butch off. Council to handle final steps.

Plan for Lots across from the Park

- City has approved an investigation by EDA to determine what it would take to make these properties into reasonable development properties. Luke will investigate what the possibilities are for tank discovery/removal.
- Additional discussion. Would the county be willing to trade the old sheriff's building with the city for other buildings/lots? Probably not because there is some special equipment in the existing building for automotive maintenance.

Followup for Next Year's Flea/Farmers Market

- need to figure out who is in charge, who supports, etc.
- Perhaps we should invite interested parties in February meeting to iron out details – perhaps with 2 reps from chamber, 2 from park board, 2 from EDA, 2 from tourism group
- Discussion – needs to be regulated better – when there is an issue, who gets contacted? Who takes the money and keeps track of it? Who is responsible to secure the park? What is the organization? We need to figure out what EDA role is (probably a November or December agenda item.) Other groups should also decide their roles. It seems to have grown and has the opportunity to be very successful.
- Who has authority to set park aside? City Council has handled in the past, and now with recommendation of the Park Board.

- Annie will draft a letter that we can send out in January, for discussion in November or December. Goal is to work together for benefit of town, not in conflict with each other.

Budget for 2005

- deferred to next meeting

Transportation Enhancement

- Need to focus on ideas for trails at next meeting. Possibility is a 5th street trail

Other Business:

Future Meetings

- Annie will not be available at regular meeting date of November 17. Decided to change dates to hold the next EDA meeting on November 10.

New Business opportunity

- There is a possibility that someone will purchase the vacant lot on 5th and Main and put in a light-dining establishment.

Mantorville Mailing

- Annie is intending to get together with Joanne Bennerotte and Teresa Hoagland to develop a mailing for potential tour groups. Karl mentioned that the Theatre is looking at doing a similar thing for Community Education and Sr Citizen groups. We should have a group effort without either duplication or contrast. People who should be involved should be MRA, Chamber, EDA, Tourism, MTC, etc.
- Annie asked if this was something that the EDA could support. Opinions expressed were 'absolutely yes' but no vote was taken.
- Suggested that each organization sponsor a rotating meeting (quarterly?) to keep the sesquicentennial-level of cooperation going. We can perhaps have an open house on Friday December 3rd with a "Destination Mantorville" discussion (Annie's final project for her degree)
- Sesquicentennial Committee and EDA cosponsor a chili supper on December 3rd to discuss. Annie and Luke volunteered to make chili. Diane will bring some toppings, Karl and other volunteers to bring bars.

Sesq. Report

- deferred to next meeting

Round Table

- deferred to next meeting

Motion to adjourn Diane/Luke
Passed uvv