



FARMINGTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROCEEDINGS

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday

November 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Board President Beamer.

ROLL CALL: Batzloff, Beamer, Cassidy, Clappison, Freeman, Kuiken, Pastue,
Schneemann, Vargovick

ABSENT: Cowley, Ziegler

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Knowles, Kristine Kidorf

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion by Batzloff, seconded by Pastue, to approve the Minutes of 10-3-06, Financial Report and Bill Review Report presented. MOTION CARRIED, ALL AYES.

PRESENTATION: RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY BY KRISTINE KIDORF, KIDORF PRESERVATION CONSULTING

Kristine Kidorf presented the results of the Reconnaissance Level Survey explaining how she used the City, Library, and the Historical Society to obtain information and dates. Ms. Kidorf recounted the history of Farmington by years highlighting a few buildings which stood out, such as the Korner Barber, the Cook Building, Masonic Hall and two banks from the 1920's, 1950', 1960's to the present. There were no buildings of any significance after the 1960's. She discussed the architectural styles still present within the City. During the 1970's many buildings were altered and integrity issues in relation to some of the buildings are a concern. Ms. Kidorf ended her presentation by distributing to the Board a map showing the recommendations for more study. A brief question and answer period followed. The Board members thanked Ms. Kidorf for her presentation stating this survey will be presented to City Council at their November 20, 2006 Council meeting.

"A WONDERFUL HOLLY DAY IN DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON": WORK PLAN AND UPDATE

Director Knowles described the events planned for Saturday, December 2, 2006. In addition to the Holly Day Green Market, carolers, and a visit from Santa Claus at the Pavilion, there will be live reindeer on display at Memorial Park, along with story-telling by Mrs. Claus. The Civic Theater will show the film, "It's A Wonderful Life", free of charge and the businesses in the Village Mall will host their annual open house as well. Knowles hopes that the Holly Day attractions within the DDA District will create more of a natural flow for pedestrians. Flyers will be distributed to the Farmington Schools. In addition, event cards will be printed and

distributed to some of the businesses throughout the downtown. Downtown businesses are encouraged to participate in this event from their own store.

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ICE RINK IN RILEY PARK – UPDATE ON RESEARCH

Research has been ongoing for the temporary outdoor ice rink proposed for Riley Park. The Board received a cost estimate of approximately \$115,000 from Custom Ice, Inc. for review and discussion. Board President Beamer stated the major consideration for this ice rink is funding. Director Knowles also said that is beyond the time frame to seek funding for this rink. Bids should have been out in July for estimates. Beamer questioned the pursuance of this project at this time and suggested it be a topic of discussion at the board retreat in February. Board member Clappison agreed that there are many other issues to be considered with regard to maintenance of the park if the rink were installed. Consensus of the Board was to table this project until it could be discussed at the board retreat in February, 2007.

CLOSED SESSION: PROPERTY ACQUISITION

At 8:49 a.m., the Board entered into a closed session. The regular Board meeting resumed at 9:29 a.m. A motion by Kuiken, supported by Schneemann, was made to approve the action as discussed in the closed session. MOTION CARRIED, ALL AYES.

Motion by Pastue, supported by Vargovick, to approve an amount of up to \$5000 for the purchase of white LED lights for Christmas decoration on the trees in the Downtown. MOTION CARRIED, ALL AYES.

MAIN STREET COMMITTEES UPDATE

No Reports

BOARD COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mission: "To promote and maintain a vigorous downtown business and residential district while retaining and enhancing our Main Street atmosphere"

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