

JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

October 21, 2008

Chair Ray Sandey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Ray Sandey, Ron Jabs, Paul Carey, Daryl Karsky, Greg Sticha and Barry Ullmann. Absent: Dave Wolf. Staff Present: Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator; and Casey MacCallum, Planner.

Approve Minutes: It was moved by Jabs, seconded by Sticha, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Medical Clinic Update: Shukle reported that Ridgeview Medical Center continues to pursue a medical clinic for Jordan. Their interest has been in a site located on the east side of County Road 9 just north of the railroad tracks. They are intending to include a pharmacy inside of the clinic. Ridgeview has expressed some concerns about this location due to access off of County Road 9. They are committed to locating a clinic in Jordan but are also interested in looking at other available sites in the city. Shukle further stated that Ridgeview would be cancelling the purchase agreement with Bobby and Steve's Auto World due to the lack of access from County Road 9. Mayor Jabs indicated that he was willing to contact the President of Ridgeview to discuss the project further. Shukle will also be following up with Ridgeview on their Jordan project. Paul Carey indicated that he was willing to call Bobby Williams regarding the possibility of retaining their property to locate a Bobby and Steve's Auto World facility in that location.

U.S. Hwy. 169/TH 282 Interchange Project Corridor Coalition: Shukle reported that a coalition has been formed to obtain federal monies for roadway improvements to U.S. Hwy. 169. The coalition is working diligently to organize itself and engage the services of a law firm who specializes in federal lobbying. This lobbyist will begin developing a legislative strategy, in conjunction with the coalition, for purposes of lobbying the U.S. Congress as it begins its review of a 6 year appropriations plan for transportation across the nation. The City of Jordan has been directly involved in the launching of the coalition's efforts.

SCALE Transportation Task Force Presentation: Shukle reported that the SCALE Transportation Task Force was scheduled to meet with the City on Monday, September 15 but had to reschedule this meeting for Monday, November 10 during the Planning Commission meeting. The EDA is invited to attend this meeting.

1000 Friends of Minnesota: Shukle reported that a meeting with representatives from 1000 Friends of Minnesota will be held on Thursday, October 30, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the city's application for grant funds to

assist with consulting services in updating the city's zoning ordinance once the Comprehensive Plan has been approved by the Metropolitan Council. Representatives from each of the city's advisory commissions and the city council are being invited to attend this meeting.

Sign Ordinance – Definition of a Temporary Sign: MacCallum reviewed the need for the EDA to review and provide feedback on changes to the sign ordinance related to temporary signage. Following considerable discussion, the EDA asked that the Planning Commission consider the following related to changes in the temporary sign ordinance:

- Sign Permits (no permit needed)
- Enforcement mechanism – permit good for 90 days unless in default of sign ordinance
- # of signs as they relate to the size and zoning of the property site
- Limiting the size of the signs as they relate to the property site
- Condition of signs – not ripped or torn

Other Business: Jabs asked that the EDA consider having a sign indicating the names of businesses located west of Creek Lane and TH 282 (Subway, Brewer's, et. al).

Jabs also asked if the EDA through the HRA, would approve monies to be spent in rehabilitating the upper level of the city's apartment building located at Varner Street and First Street. The EDA asked that an estimate be obtained.

Shukle indicated that Sunny Bjorklund-Schultz, Mentoree, is working on a draft of a promotional brochure to be used in attracting new business to Jordan. Bjorklund-Schultz will have this material available to review at the November 18 meeting.

Next Meeting: It was noted that the next meeting of the EDA will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 7 p.m., Jordan City Hall.

Adjournment: There being no further business, it was moved by Carey, seconded by Ullmann, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle
Executive Director/City Administrator