

City of Jordan

Economic Development Authority Commission

May 21, 2002 Minutes

Members present: Dave Wolf, John Mulcahy, Dale Oldenberg, Scott Schoenike

Members absent: Chair Joe Benko, Vice Chair Steve Radermacher, Barry Ullman, Howard Senske

Staff present: Troy Bonkowske- Economic Development / Planning Director, Joe Janish- Planning Intern

Visitors present: None

- I. *Call to Order-* Acting Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
- II. *Highway 169 Interchange Study Update, Benshoof & Associates Design Proposal-*

Director Bonkowske updated Authority members with recent events concerning the Interchange Task Force. Jim Benshoof, transportation engineer, City officials and Highway 169 business owners were scheduled to have a meeting May 29 in the Council Chambers. Mr. Bonkowske said he will introduce Mr. Benshoof to the business owners and they will discuss different opinions for the interchange designs.

Member Wolf asked what role the owners of Bobby & Steve's Auto World would play at this meeting. Mr. Wolf contended some process needed to be sorted out concerning what role business owners and those who own property, but haven't developed their land into businesses, should play on the City's designs. It was decided the owners of Bobby & Steve's and Paul Carry, property owner on the north side of Highway 169, should be invited to the meeting next week.

Director Bonkowske said he has received two proposals from real estate consultants, McCombs Group and Dahlgren, Shardlow and Uban, to conduct a future marketing study for the industrial and commercial areas of the City. Mr. Bonkowske said these proposals were fairly high in prices, but contended they would be extremely beneficial marketing the City to businesses. Most of the members felt the EDA should seek more proposals to find one at the most reasonable cost.

- III. *Joint Marketing Venture for Whispering Meadows Update-*

Director Bonkowske said an ad has been placed in the Minnesota Real Estate Journal for the Whispering Meadows subdivision. Mr. Bonkowske said there hasn't been a "flood of calls", but the ad should run two more times over the next month.

Member Mulcahy said he receives information from the Minnesota Business Journal about the top franchises or businesses in the state and this information could be used for recruiting purposes. Member Oldenburg commented that Mr. Mulcahy should bring this information to the next meeting.

IV. *Publish Industrial Park Map on the City's Website-*

Director Bonkowske informed members a map showing vacant industrial properties has been placed on City's website. Staff was also working on placing vacant commercial properties on the website as well.

V. *Adjournment-*

Member Schoenike made a Motion, Oldenberg second, to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Bonkowske
Economic Development / Planning Director