

JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2006

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

Roll Call: Present: Ray Sandey, Greg Sticha, John Mulcahy, Ron Jabs, Barry Ullmann and Dave Wolf. Absent: None. Also Present: Joe Janish, City Planner; and Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator.

Approve Minutes: It was moved by Sticha, seconded by Mulcahy to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2006 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Introductions: Barry Ullmann was introduced and welcomed as the City Council liaison to the EDA.

EDA Candidate Interviews: The EDA interviewed Jon Lee, Joe Thill and Paul Carey to replace Howard Senske. Following the interviews, the EDA discussed their recommendation to the Mayor who will then make a recommendation to the City Council for their approval. Paul Carey is the recommendation to the Mayor for filling the vacancy.

Review of January 12, 2006 Marketing Seminar Evaluations: The EDA reviewed the evaluations from the marketing seminar held on January 12, 2006. The EDA discussed other educational opportunities and it was suggested that staff check with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and area Chambers of Commerce about possible future educational sessions pertinent to local business.

Community Survey – Shoppers: Shukle indicated that the EDA had asked about developing a community survey aimed at determining shopping habits of local residents. Mulcahy stated that when he was employed by Scott County, he had worked on a survey on behalf of the City of Shakopee. Shukle indicated that Scott County is willing to assist with the survey via the county's web site. The county will not charge for the survey. The city will have to pay postage and printing costs to notify residents that a survey is being conducted. Shukle further indicated that there are no limits on the number of questions being asked but that it is recommended that the survey be designed to not take more than 15 minutes to complete. Mulcahy presented information that would be of help in designing a survey. Consensus of the EDA is to do a survey and that the members should prepare questions to be discussed at the next meeting. Input will also be solicited from the Chamber of Commerce at their membership meeting on March 30, 2006.

TH 169/TH 282 Interchange Information/Update: EDA members reviewed information, which included a chronology of events on the interchange project discussions to date. Shukle reported on the City Council's discussion regarding a resolution passed by the EDA and submitted to the City Council requesting that the Council establish a footprint for the interchange area and begin to acquire right-of-way for the interchange in preparation for the project in the future. He stated that the Council did not take any action on the resolution as they were interested in meeting with MNDOT officials who have offered to appear at a future City Council meeting. MNDOT will be at the May 1, 2006 regular City Council meeting. EDA members and members of the city's advisory committee on the interchange project are also invited to attend. The EDA indicated that they would delay any further discussion until after MNDOT meets with city officials.

2006 Issues/Work Plan: Shukle briefly reviewed with the members the "laundry list" of topics prepared by Linda Waite Smith. Discussion focused on the TH 169/TH 282 Interchange project and the need to purchase right of way. Discussion also focused on the Bobby and Steve's Auto World property on the north side of TH 169. Members discussed possibly having the City obtain options to purchase the property but no direct funding sources were identified. Staff will continue to research these issues. Regarding the list of topics for the 2006 Work Plan, the consensus was to have staff further refine the list of topics.

Other Business: There being no further business, it was moved by Ullmann, seconded by Jabs to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle
Executive Director/City Administrator