

# JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## MINUTES

**April 21, 2009**

Vice-Chair Dave Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Ray Sandey (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Dave Wolf, Daryl Karsky, Ron Jabs, Mike Shaw, Tanya Velishek and Greg Sticha. Also Present: Mayor Pete Ewals and daughter, Grace (arrived 7:30 p.m.). Staff Present: Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator.

**Approve Minutes:** It was moved by Jabs, seconded by Velishek, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Update on Hotel Market Study:** Ed Shukle provided an update on the market study for a potential hotel development. He indicated that Greg Hanis, President, Hospitality Marketers International, was in Jordan, this past week and met with city and community representatives regarding the market study. It is anticipated that the study will be concluded by June 1.

**Update on Senior Housing (Assisted Living, Independent Living), Medical Clinic/Pharmacy/City Facilities Project:** Shukle reported that the project has changed and that Community Asset Development Group (CADG) has let its purchase agreement with Charles Vig expire on the property located at Creek Lane and Seville Drive. This is mainly due to the fact that CADG has not secured the commitment from a housing partner for the assisted living aspect of the project. CADG continues to work on this piece with several different housing partners. Also, the clinic portion of the project is still on hold and is waiting to see what is going to happen with the assisted living aspect.

**Update on U.S. Hwy. 169/TH 282 Interchange Project Corridor Coalition and their activities:** Shukle reported that the coalition continues to move forward. Stimulus monies for use on the 169/494 interchange project were not approved by the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). Thus, an application is being completed through the coalition and Scott County staff to obtain federal transportation reauthorization monies for this and many other projects along the 169 corridor.

**Promotional Brochure:** The final version of the folder with appropriate material contained within was distributed. The EDA expressed its satisfaction with the materials and now hopes it will be utilized for applicable purposes in attracting new industrial and commercial growth to the city.

Other items: Shukle asked if the EDA would be willing to go paperless with the EDA packets from now on. They agreed that this would be a good idea. Therefore, beginning with the May 19, 2009 agenda packet, all agenda materials will be sent via e-mail.

Also discussed was the Chamber/City billboard located on southbound 169. It needs repair and needs to be looked into by staff.

Dave Wolf indicated that he is locating an "Quick Lane" oil change operation on his Wolf Motors property and that it should be up and running very soon. He believes that this is something really needed since people need to get vehicles serviced after normal business hours in Jordan which is something not currently offered in the community.

Chair Sandey asked Mayor Ewals if there were any comments he would like to make to the EDA. Ewals then addressed the EDA that he was disappointed that no one on the EDA attended any of the meetings held with Hospitality Marketers International regarding the market study being conducted regarding the viability of a hotel development in Jordan. He said that the EDA was not fulfilling its responsibilities. He also mentioned that the city, specifically, the EDA, needs to change its focus and must take a more active role and participate in changing the status quo of Jordan.

Chair Sandey disagreed with the Mayor's comments and indicated that he has been a business owner in Jordan for many years. He has put his heart and soul into this community and has been involved in many committees, Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Club, etc., over a period of years.

Greg Sticha expressed his concern that it is easy to criticize but that community leaders must become involved in leading and guiding the community and not spend time criticizing when they have not been involved in anything.

There were no further comments on this matter or any other items.

**Next Meeting:** It was noted that the next meeting of the EDA will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7 p.m., City Hall.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, it was moved by Wolf seconded by Sticha, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle  
Executive Director/City Administrator