

JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

April 17, 2007

Chair Ray Sandey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Ray Sandey, Greg Sticha, Ron Jabs, and Daryl Karsky. Absent: Paul Carey, Dave Wolf and Jeremy Goebel. Staff Present: Joe Janish, Senior Planner, Also in Attendance: Joe Thill

Approve Minutes: It was moved by Sticha seconded by Karsky to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss the creation of a vision for downtown Jordan: Joe Janish, Senior Planner informed the EDA that staff reviewed the workbook prepared by the Minnesota Design Team (MDT). The workbook included an application for a visit. Staff contacted MDT and found the costs associated with a visit would be \$4,000 along with providing food, supplies, publicity and also finding host families for the visitors. Staff found one of the biggest items MDT looks for is community support through letters from social organizations, schools, and seniors.

Staff informed members that MDT has selected the communities for a visit in the fall of 2007 but is still looking for possible visits in spring and fall of 2008. Mr. Janish also indicated if the Minnesota Design Team does not select Jordan for a visit, the group would continue to work with the community on the application in order to obtain a visit.

Mr. Janish also provided an outline to the EDA on what is required prior to, during and after a Minnesota Design Team visit.

Motion Sticha, to recommend to the Jordan City Council staff prepares an application for a visit from the Minnesota Design Team. Seconded by Karsky. Motion approved unanimously.

Timberline Industrial Park Marketing Program: Joe Janish, Senior Planner, informed the EDA of a tentative timeline for the program. The meeting could start at 11 a.m. with two groups. One group would begin a tour of Jordan while the other group would attend a presentation. The tour would attempt to show the attendees Downtown, Timberline Business Park, other Industrial property, Jordan's Schools, and Lagoon Park.

The presentation would be able to include a welcome and introductions, background information on the City of Jordan such as history, housing, commercial and industrial growth. The presentation would also be able to include information about incentives the

City of Jordan has such as tax increment financing, tax abatement, conduit financing, and the possibility of the Twin Cities Community Capital Fund.

It was suggested by Member Jabs to consider adding a section about why some of the businesses have located in Jordan by possibly inviting the owners in to speak. Member Jabs also suggested possibly talking to key business leaders to see if they would be interested in talking about why Jordan is a good place to have a business.

It was also suggested it may be possible about how the City of Jordan has spent time and money in updating the infrastructure throughout town and 282 is one of the last projects left to prevent inflow and infiltration (I/I).

A discussion also occurred about possibly paying for mileage for the attendees or attempting to obtain a discount at the Ridges at Sand Creek for attendees. Staff was directed to review this item and report back at a later date.

A discussion also occurred about the date of the program and the consensus was to push the date back in order to allow for a proper and well planned program for the attendees.

Medical Clinic: Joe Janish, Senior Planner, informed members staff is still pursuing this item and will advise at a later date as to the status of this subject.

Outlet Mall: Joe Janish, Senior Planner informed members Executive Director/City Administrator Shukle has attempted to contact his source and has not yet heard back from the individual.

Other Business: Member Sticha informed members he may be unable to attend the next few upcoming EDA meetings due to conflicts in his schedule.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2007, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Adjournment: It was moved by Sticha, seconded by Karsky to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish
Senior Planner