

JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2013

Greg Sticha called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Greg Sticha, Ron Jabs, Dan Elke, Joe Thill and Dave Wolf, Tanya Velishek and Ray Sandey. Also Present: Mark Seifert, Chamber of Commerce Liaison; Gary Ehret, Kimley-Horn & Associates; Tim Loose, City Engineer; Jeff Will, Councilmember; Mary Nelson; and Ed Shukle, City Administrator/Executive Director, EDA.

Approve Minutes of the May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting: Upon motion by Velishek seconded by Jabs, the minutes of the May 21, 2013 regular meeting were approved.

Update from Kimley-Horn re: U.S. Hwy. 169/TH 282/CR 9 Interchange Project: Gary Ehret, Kimley-Horn, was present to update the EDA on the discussions that have been held with MnDOT and Scott County relating to the possible development of a footprint and right-of-way preservation plan for the U.S. Hwy.169/TH 282/CR 9 interchange project. Ehret presented four approaches: 1) Do nothing; 2) Scott County's offer to bring in a third party to discuss current and future business plans with businesses and property owners in the interchange area; 3) Political action; and 4) Tight diamond interchange approach that Scott County was to present with a cost estimate.

Shukle pointed out that MnDOT continues to indicate that the Inter-regional Corridor Study (IRC) and public safety are no longer significant regarding this project. MnDOT has indicated to staff that the mode of operations at MnDOT today are high benefit/low cost improvements. This intersection is no longer in the top 200 crash sites in Minnesota.

The EDA consensus was that approach #1 is not acceptable. Approach #2 is something that should be given further consideration. Approach #3 should be seriously considered as well but should be put on hold until more information is obtained. Approach #4 should be requested from MnDOT and Scott County.

The EDA asked that #2 and #4 above be requested at that Scott County and MnDOT be asked to attend the next EDA meeting in July.

Interview Applicants to fill Upcoming Vacancies on EDA: Greg Sticha and Dan Elke were present for their interviews with the EDA. Mr. Elke went first and then Mr. Sticha. Following the interviews with the applicants out of the council chambers, it was moved by Thill seconded by Sandey to recommend the reappointments of Greg Sticha and Dan Elke to continue to serve on the EDA for new 6 year terms. The terms begin August 1, 2013 and expire December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council's Discussion re: Orderly Annexation Meetings with EDA Members:

Shukle informed the EDA that the City Council agreed with the EDA's recommendation to have meetings begin between the City Council's Orderly Annexation Committee and 3 members of the EDA, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of future annexation of property in St. Lawrence Township for industrial development purposes. An initial meeting will be held soon.

Ribbon Cutting for Brentwood Court and Jordan Public Library: Shukle reported that the ribbon cutting for Brentwood Court and the new Jordan public library will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the new facility site.

CGI Communications Video Production Update: Shukle updated the EDA on the community video project. It will involve a welcome by Mayor Shaw, an economic development piece and a quality of education feature.

410 North Broadway Street Update: Shukle indicated there was nothing new to report on a possible hotel development for this site. The developer is attempting to secure local investors for the project.

Downtown Master Plan Update: Shukle reported that Vierbicher will be in Jordan again next week to meet with the EDA/Planning Commission subcommittee and to conduct a second open house with interested persons. Vierbicher will also be making a presentation to the Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting on July 10 at Oak Terrace Senior Living of Jordan.

Review Changes to EDA Strategic Plan: Shukle reviewed the changes to the EDA Strategic Plan.

Report from Mark Seifert, Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce: Mark Seifert provided a Chamber of Commerce report on their recent activities. He indicated that there are 2 vacancies on the board of directors and that the chamber is looking to fill these vacancies. He also mentioned the bean bag tournament scheduled for August 17 at Clancy's and the newest fundraising opportunity, "Jordanopoly."

General Business Updates: Dave Wolf discussed the Wolf Motors potential renovation project and the importance of getting the U.S. Hwy. 169/TH 282/CR 9 interchange project moving forward. He presented some preliminary plans to the EDA to illustrate that he was serious about this project.

Other Items: There were no other items to discuss.

Next Meeting: It was noted that the next EDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 7 p.m. City Hall.

Motion by Velishek seconded by Wolf, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle
Executive Director/City Administrator