

MANCHESTER DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Present: Ray Berg, Alan Dyer, Susan Fielder, Jody Flowers, Karl Racenis, Russell Rhonton and Beth Tomaszewski.

Absent: Dawn Steele and Pat Vailliencourt

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Karl Racenis moved, Susan Fielder seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jody Flowers moved, Russell Rhoton seconded, Berg and Tomaszewski abstained, motion carried.

Public Participation opened and closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers: Flowers moved to keep current officers as so stated, Fielder Second, motion carried. Beth Tomaszewski will act as Secretary until further notified if Dawn Steele will be returning or not to the DDA Board.
2. Ann Arbor Street Property Acquisition: 121 Ann Arbor Street Property, October 6th is the closing date. Building is slated to be demolished immediately.
3. Gateway Communities Initiative Report (Berg & Racenis) Karl and Ray reported on the workshop. Ideas were presented for the Gateway Project: Promote Leonard Preserve with a walking/bike path. German theme tours, learning about German Heritage, German Farms, visit churches. Day in Manchester: 4 to six hours. Could start Summer 2011. Reach out to campers. This could be a "Win, Win" for Manchester. Ray stated the workshop was intense and very beneficial. \$80.00 per person to attend the workshop was well worth it.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Downtown Enhancement Project Status: Karl Racenis: Review of Estimate of Probable Cost for the Downtown Streetscape Project is needed to review the numbers to the Bergmann Plan. Karl will e-mail dates to members to do walk of the area to do this review. Team will walk together to review quantities, # of benches, etc. MDOT project may not start until 2012. No exact status is known. Does the DDA want to wait until 2012. Bridge going West could start July 2011, what do we do with the Bridge going East, this will be a discussion for the October meeting.

2. Manchester Shared-Use Path and Mill Pond Bridge Project: Ray Berg: Ray did a Presentation and stated the detailed proposal is 75% completed. Ray will make copies for Board Members before our next meeting. Ray reviewed 8 total sections of the proposal. Ray stated that the County wants to be involved. There is a deadline line of December 31st, 2010 to submit the Grant request. Ray would like to present the proposal to the Village at one of their October meetings. Projected estimate of cost would be \$800,000 to \$900,000, stating there should be no funding needed from the Village. The Bridge will be the major cost.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Susan Fielder reported the \$15,000.00 from the Village Counsel would be put back in as a line item to the DDA account. You can go onto to the DDA web site and review the revised budget.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jody Flowers at 9:25pm, second made by Beth Tomaszewski, motion carried.