

MANCHESTER DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26TH, 2011

Present: Ray Berg, Susan Fielder, Jody Flowers, Karl Racenis, Russell Photon, Beth Tomaszewski

Absent: Pat Vaillencourt, Dan Huntsbarger

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Susan Fielder moved, Jody Flowers seconded, motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Ray Berg moved, Susan Fielder seconded, Jody Flowers abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Downtown Enhancement Project: Karl Racenis: MDOT states that the project is a go for 2011. Currently there are no drawings for street lights from Clinton St West to Elton. Do we change to LED lights and if so what is the cost. Discussion to take place with Consumer's to get a revised quote. Would like to get one light set up to see what the lights will look like. As of now it doesn't look like anything would start on the project until late July.

2. Buss Barn: Karl Racenis: Currently there is no movement on the Buss Barn. There are some title issues. Approximate cost to take the Barn down is \$25,000.00. Karl with keep us posted on updates.

3. Manchester Shared-Use Path and Mill Pond Bridge Project: Ray Berg: Ray made first presentation to the Village Council on November 15th, came back a second time on December 6th which had public attendance of around 40 to 50 people. Ray had notified 52 property owners about the public meeting. The public was generally supportive. Ray went to the planning commission on Dec 20th, council approved to proceed with submitting the application for the grant. Ray submitted the application. One objection to the project was in regards to maintenance of the trail. Ray stated there would be a 501C3, Friends of The Trail. There were also objections to the Bridge, someone stated people would be jumping off the bridge and it would need to be caged in. Separate the bridge out from the trail, change application to not include the bridge. Who would use the trail? Would skateboarders be allowed. Asphalt or crushed limestone, this is an open issue. Some had trespassing concerns. Who has liability for the bridge? Decision for the grant by March 8th. Money would be held until the start of the project. Question in regards to DNR river crossing permit.

Reports: Treasurer: No Report

Chairman: Karl talked about submitting document to Chelsea Wellness for Community Health Assessment.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Susan Fielder, seconded by Jody Flowers, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.