

Gate City Development Association Meeting February 21, 2008

The Gate City Development Association Board of Directors met on February 21, 2008 at the Fire Hall Meeting Room. Present were: Lynda Rol, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Roger Baer, Mary Nosbush. Absent were: Joe Kolbach, Harvey Nelson and Will Stone.

Lynda called the meeting to order. Mary read the minutes of the January 17 meeting. Motion Roger, second Angel to approve minutes as read. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Angel distributed financial reports including a Profit/Loss statement and a Balance Sheet. Motion Roger, second Mary to accept the financial reports as presented. Roger requested that future reports include the previous month's information as well.

Angel and Mary presented a personal interview form prepared for use with people who own property already platted or property suitable for housing development. Motion by Angel, seconded by Roger to begin contacting owners of vacant lots with the questionnaire to compile a list of lots available for sale. We will offer "For Sale" signs to owners.

The Board plans to bring a brief monthly update to the City Council meetings.

Mary explained how infrastructure can be paid for through TIF districts. (Tax Increment Financing) Lynda asked her to bring more information to the next meeting.

No new information on the hiking/biking path.

Angel reported the Horizons program has several training meetings coming up in late March. She will bring more information next month. Topics include Marketing Your Community and Housing Development.

The County Development group is forming a Task Force to implement a plan and hire a County development coordinator. Rollie Nevins of Clear Lake is chairperson.

Al Skatvold, who lives north of Gary, has agreed to donate metal work for the Welcome to Gary signs. Jay Grabow will donate sandstone blocks from disassembled railroad bridges. It will include a railroad motif. Concrete for footings will also be donated. Planning to have a grand unveiling over the 3rd of July celebration.

Mary contacted the state highway engineer about wording on the sign at the 3-mile corner. We can add "Gas, Food, Lodging" to the existing sign as long as we don't identify any specific business. Mary will check into getting those made.

Discussed fund raiser ideas for this spring: membership drive, bake sale, week day noon luncheon.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m. Motion Roger, 2nd Angel to adjourn.

Mary Nosbush, Secretary