

Gate City Development Association Meeting June 19, 2008

The Gate City Development Association Board of Directors met on June 19, 2008 at the Fire Hall Meeting Room.

Lynda Roll called the meeting to order. Mary read the minutes of the May 15 meeting. Motion Roger, second Angel to approve minutes as read. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Angel reported that all loans were current.

Brianna Hoffman met with the board to discuss her role as regional development coordinator as one of support for local development efforts. She mentioned the DesignSD program which may be implemented in Deuel County yet this year. It involves bringing professional planners and architects to meet with a community and discuss ideas for change and improvement.

A revolving loan fund summit is set for July 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the Lanes in Clear Lake. Lynda, Angel and Mary will try to attend. It will involve all entities offering revolving loan funds.

The welcome to Gary signs were discussed. Still plan to have the one by the Catholic Church completed by July 4. Solar lighting alone will not be adequate. May ask Otter Tail to put up a street light near the sign location. Angel is to meet with Community Club and City on funding.

Our group needs to be involved in the City Budget Hearing in August. Lynda reported there is to be \$5,000 available this July for Development use.

Discussed Creek clean up projects and its importance as a resource in the community.

Mary reported that the Historical Association has applied for grants to complete work on the Knob Hill Trail, overlooking the Creek and City Park. We should hear back from the funding sources by early July. We will present the plans to the City Council once we hear back on the funding. A bridge across the Creek will eventually be a part of the proposal.

Lynda spoke with Randy Meyer about painting the sign at the 3-mile corner and adding "Gas, Food, Lodging" to the bottom of it. He is willing, as time allows, but also suggested contacting some younger artists in the community who might be willing to help.

Date of the annual meeting was set for Thursday, August 7, 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall Community Room. Lynda and Angel will work on compiling a list of official members, both lifetime and annual fee members. Mary is to prepare a notice and agenda for approval at the July 17 meeting. The Secretary will then notify all dues paying members.

Lynda reported that the organization's lending license has been renewed.

Angel reported that funding for the Horizons Phase III program has been approved.

Motion Mary, seconded by Roger to go into executive session. Lynda declared meeting out of executive session at 9:34 p.m.

Angel is to investigate requirements for revolving loan fund applicants.

Next meeting July 17, 7 p.m.

Mary Nosbush, Secretary