

Flandreau Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Call to Order

Carleen Wild called to order the meeting of the Flandreau Development Corporation at 5:31 pm on June 6, 2019 in the Flandreau City Office meeting room.

Roll Call

Board members in attendance included Carleen Wild, Jason Unger, Mike Witte, Dan Sutton, Kelley Ramsdell, Dustin Lau, Kyle Haug, Jessica Hovland.

Kelley Ramsdell moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from April 2019; Mike Witte seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Brian and Betty Anderson were present and requested the Board consider granting them additional land adjacent to their current lot in the Industrial Park that was granted to them on a free transfer for purposes of establishing a trailer/camper sales, storage rent, and repair business. A discussion was held about the specifics of the request and the matter was referred to the Economic Development Committee for further discussion with the Andersons to get more information about the business, the specific nature of the request, and the impact of a potential land transfer on future land use and improvement.

Anthony Pieper was in attendance with his parents and sister to propose a maintenance and upkeep deal with the Board for the planters downtown, which are currently maintained and watered on a sporadic basis by board members and volunteers on no set schedule.

Dan Sutton made a motion to pay Anthony Pieper \$20 per planter for the summer to maintain and water the planters downtown, and that any replacement or materials needed should be addressed by request to the Board; Jessica Hovland seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Carleen Wild read a letter from Bill Sutton on behalf of Holist Sutton that she received earlier in the day. Carleen will respond to the letter acknowledging receipt and referring the Suttons and the issue to committee for any further discussion.

President's Report

Carleen Wild pointed out that the Sesquicentennial celebration is coming up next month and the Board had agreed to enter a float in the parade. Jessica Hovland will organize the float.

Housing Committee

Dan Sutton reported on recent activity and discussions held by the Housing Committee:

- The committee will be meeting with a housing development group that is interested in making a proposal for development in Southview Heights.
- The committee is requesting that the City of Flandreau invest and arrange for the previously completed housing study be updated.

Marketing and Events Committee

Carleen Wild reported on recent activity and discussions held by the Marketing and Events Committee:

- The discussion about whether the Board will host/sponsor a downtown “Backyard BBQ” is ongoing, but the Board has not shown an interest in pursuing this. Jessica Hovland indicated it would be better at this time to focus on the Board’s ice cream social for the County Fair. Mike Witte indicated Maynard’s would be able to provide supplies at discount.
- Continuing the Board’s efforts with a cross-town bike lane and promoting a health/active community, there is a new bike rack at the downtown park.
- Carleen Wild discussed with Jeff Pederson, City of Flandreau Administrator, using the downtown park as an entertainment venue during the summer.

Economic Development and Improvement Committee

Kelley Ramsdell reported on recent activity and discussions held by the Economic Development Committee:

- An update on discussions with Tyler Kills-A-Hundred and the status of the Industrial Park Lot that was granted to Tyler for the purpose of constructing a new meat locker on the condition that the back part of the lot be deeded back to FDC. Discussions are ongoing with Tyler at the committee level, and the committee expects to have a recommendation on proposed action for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.
- Jason Unger is preparing documents addressing Tyler’s breach of contract and failure to deed the property back to the FDC, and will present them for the committee’s review.

Membership Committee – Jason Unger

Mike Witte reported on recent activity and discussions held by the Membership Committee:

- The committee is still compiling a membership database.
- A new membership dues/membership sign up and contribution letter is being prepared in committee for the Board’s review. The committee expects FY2019 will be a pro-rated year to get on track with a new, consistent reporting and business year on a calendar basis.
- The committee will continue to work on members outreach projects and streamlining communication and updates to members.

Carleen Wild Adjourned the meeting at 6:50.