

Flandreau Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Call to Order

Carleen Wild called to order the meeting of the Flandreau Development Corporation at 5:30 on July 11, 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, Shaun Jaacks, Jessica Hovland, Kristen Britton.

Kelley Ramsdell moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from June 2019; Shaun Jaacks seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Carleen Wild encouraged committee work to continue, which has been productive.

Carleen Wild discussed the communication with Bill and Holist Sutton and invitation to attend a meeting.

Kelley Ramsdell gave an update on work with Wellmark and the Healthy Hometown Initiative, and announced a meeting with the Flandreau City Council to present a designated bike lane and shared bike lane plan on First Avenue.

President's Report

Carleen Wild mentioned a number of events taking place in the community and encouraged FDC board members to participate and help promote those events. Carleen also discussed the recent success and positive feedback received throughout the community during the Sesquicentennial and All School Reunion celebrations. The Board discussed recognizing businesses that took steps to improve their curb appeal and in many cases undertook structural improvements in anticipation of the events.

Carleen asked Jason Unger to give an update on the status of the "Zandt building" and the city's efforts to work with the business owner to abate the nuisance.

Housing Committee

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

- The committee met with representatives of an investment group interested in developing lots in Southview Heights for twin homes, and then held a public meeting to present and discuss the group's ideas. There would likely be some procedural steps to continue with progress (determine zoning status/eligibility and address covenants and interest in

developing a Home Owner's Association), but there appears to be strong public interest in the informally proposed plan.

- The City of Flandreau appears to have secured funds and plans to update the previous Flandreau housing study.
- In addition to the Southview Heights twin homes development project, there has also been expressions of public interest in higher end senior living apartments. The committee will discuss this idea.

Marketing and Events Committee

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

- The idea of hosting a downtown "Backyard BBQ" event was presented again. Jason Unger indicated that the Board has been consistent in rejecting a planning role for this type of event, and until the downtown businesses present their own plan for an event hosted by those businesses that the Board could potentially promote, the Board should focus its limited resources and time on other business.
- Carleen Wild indicated that the recent holidays and events and her own business plans have created a lull in FDC's and Flandreau's social media presence, which she expects will get back on track.
- Jessica Hovland discussed the upcoming County Fair parade and logistics for FDC's ice cream social as part of the County Fair festivities.

Economic Development and Improvement Committee

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

- The committee is waiting for a formal proposal/request and supporting business documents from Brian Anderson regarding additional land.
- FDC responded to Bill Sutton's letter about the Industrial Park and the committee will review the situation as Sutton's request/intent becomes clearer.
- The committee reviewed documents prepared by Jason Unger that would have Tyler Kills-A-Hundred acknowledge his default with regard to the Flandreau Meat Locker's obligation to allow the parceling and giving back certain land in the Industrial Park and his failure to do so, while still working affording him an opportunity to resolve issues with his bank; or to propose a land swap for the land to be parceled for the downtown lot where the meat locker was previously located.

Dusty Lau moved to offer to Tyler Kills-A-Hundred and Flandreau Meat Locker, et al, ("Tyler") to swap Tyler's downtown property with the back portion of the new meat locker property lot, which Tyler was contractually obligated to parcel and deed back to FDC, on the condition that the downtown property is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, which will be determined prior to making said offer; Shaun Jaacks seconded the motion; 8 voted in favor of the motion; Jessica Hovland abstained.

- Mayor Mark Bonrud commented on the good work throughout the community and its business owners to present an appealing community to the city's visitors for its recent holidays and major celebrations.

Membership Committee

Kristen Britton reported on recent activity and discussions held by the Membership Committee:

- Kristen Britton developed a new membership registration letter and dues request that will be mailed to all businesses for a pro-rated 2019 year and then starting FDC on a calendar year cycle going forward starting January 1, 2020.
- Jessica Hovland proposed offering free membership for 2019 for returning or new members/businesses.
- Carleen Wild suggested working toward a semi-annual reception for members/businesses to provide updates from FDC and in the community and introduce new businesses.

Carleen Wild Adjourned the meeting at 6:28.