

Flandreau Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Call to Order

Carleen Wild called to order the meeting of the Flandreau Development Corporation at 5:30 on November 1, 2018 in the Flandreau City Office meeting room.

Roll Call

Board members in attendance included Carleen Wild, Jason Unger, Shawn Jaacks, Mike Witte, Dan Sutton, Kelley Ramsdell, Jessica Hovland.

Others present: Marty Skroch, Kristen Britton, Anna Duncan, Brenda Wade-Schmidt, Linnea Jansen

Dan Sutton moved to approve the agenda; Shawn Jaacks seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Dan Sutton presented a request by the Flandreau Sesquicentennial/All School Reunion Committee for contributions toward promotions, advertising, and event sponsorships. The requested amount was \$7,500. Discussion about other sources of funding and additional fundraising efforts, the uniqueness and potential economic impact of the event on local businesses, and the nature of the community-wide support for the event as a justification for supporting the request, even though the request exceeds FDC budgeted amounts and typical considerations.

Jason Unger moved to approve and commit a \$7,500 contribution to the Sesquicentennial/All School Reunion Committee toward the 2019 event planning, promotions, advertising, and event sponsorships; Shawn Jaacks seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously; Dan Sutton abstained.

Marty Skroch presented a request on behalf of the Team of Angels for contributions toward the soup cook-off competition in conjunction with the holiday parade. Discussion about past contributions and current event format.

Kelley Ramsdell moved to approve contributions for first (\$30), second (\$20), and third (\$10) prizes in Flandrea Bucks; Jason Unger seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Carleen presented email requests for additional contributions toward local events. Discussion about previously indicated standard that all requests be made in person. Informal decision to not reject or approve the request, but to table for further in-person request.

Dan Sutton presented an update about interest from a tree/saw mill business in discussing locating the business in Flandreau. Further conversation to be referred to the Development and Improvement Committee.

President's Report – Carleen Wild

Carleen gave a brief update about FDC conversation topics and addressed the busy holiday schedules and setting meeting times. Carleen emphasized the need for committees to continue to meet and set and work toward goals. Carleen has begun planning for the Annual Meeting and thinking of speakers and meeting topics.

Housing Committee – Carleen Wild

Carleen gave a report on the committee's recent activity:

- The committee has so far been unsuccessful partnering with developers to discuss plans for Southview Heights and other available property in Flandreau; the committee will renew its efforts to generate those discussions and consider seeking to re-zone Southview Heights to allow more flexibility to development plans.

Marketing/Events Committee – Jessica Hovland

Jessica gave a report on the committee's recent activity:

- Carleen reported that Justin Sanders has entered into a contract with FDC to provide social media management and content creation and promoting.
- Carleen informed the board of holiday events in the community and the Flower Shoppe event.

Economic Development and Improvement Committee – Kelley Ramsdell

Kelley provided a summary of topics addressed by the Economic Development Committee:

- Wellmark Healthy Hometown planning is continuing with discussions and review of plans for crosswalks and major planning for the east-west entrances to Flandreau
- Carleen reported on construction progress for Flandreau Meat Locker and ongoing issues with the deeds/platting of the lots affected by the construction
- Aquaponics developed new business plans, but further progress appears unlikely while they continue to discuss planning and financing with third parties
- Moody County revoked its development incentive as to property tax abatements, and the City of Flandreau implemented a new policy to create its own incentives (the new city plan is virtually identical to the previous plan that was preempted by the county plan)

Membership Committee – Jason Unger

Jason reported on discussions held by the Housing Committee:

- The committee has not met recently, but is still working on developing a membership directory

Carleen Wild Adjourned the meeting at 6:57.