

Flandreau Development Corporation

Meeting Minutes: August 6th, 2020

Call to Order:

Kelley Ramsdell called to order the meeting of the Flandreau Development Corporation at 5:36pm on August 6th, 2020 in the Flandreau City Office meeting room.

Roll Call:

Board members in attendance included Kelley Ramsdell, Shawn Jaacks, Mike Witte, Tim Morrissey, and Jessica Hovland. Jason Unger and Carleen Wild both attended via the phone.

Minutes from July's meeting were not available to approve at this meeting.

New Business:

Gary Markman was unable to make the meeting as originally planned.

President's Report:

Kelley submitted parcels to the county to remove the property tax. Recently submitted a request to the City of Flandreau for additional funding, from \$60,000 to \$80,000. It was stated by Jason Unger that both FDC's request and the Golf Course is on the upcoming City of Flandreau's Budget Agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

We received \$200 in membership dues this past month: River's Edge, Dakota Layers, Personal Touch and Pesall Law. We also redeemed \$50 in Flandreau Bucks to Maynards.

Committee Reports:

Housing/Economic Development Committee

- It has been decided to combine the Housing and Economic Development committees going forward.
- Shawn Jaacks stated that Jeremy Whipple is still interested in our most recent purchased land for development.
- Mike & Kelley met with the bankers to get started on the financial discussion about fronting the cost of developing at least one house on the Southview Heights
 - First and major requirement is to show a positive cash flow. Because we run merely on membership dues we run in the 'red'. This is one of the main reasons for the additional funding request to the City.
- In the mean-time others are contacting surrounding area builders to get an idea on interest.
- Shawn stated that Dan once mentioned that the Southview Heights payments were supposed to go back to the City at some point. Our involvement was only temporary. Because the rest of us are all fairly new to this board, this is unknown by most.

- Jason Unger brought up a recent meeting at the City Council where Pulschers inquired about the side walk city ordinance. The City has slacked in their follow thru with city ordinances but as of late this has been a major focus. We should not be surprised if Pulschers reach out for help, financially, on this.
- There are no conveyances in writing for the Southview Construction so we the Committee needs to discuss this for going forward.

Marketing/Events Committee

- Website - working on logins this week. A lot of data needs to be entered for content. The goal is to launch the website by the first of the year. We are going to need to get information forms from each member.
- Recent Golf Tournament - went well, 8 teams. Raised \$700
We hope to do it again and spend more time on it next year.
- Webinar Speaker Series, 2nd one is set for this coming Tuesday. Only 3 people are registered. She is worried about the amount of interest.
- We need to still find a Speaker for September, possibly the Executive Director of the Big Sioux River?

Membership Committee

- Dustin & Mike went out and met with different past members to get some insight as to why they have not renewed their membership. Biggest feedback they got was, for most of them, it is not about the money it is more about 'What do businesses get from being an FDC member?'
Dustin & Mike informed them of what we are all working on, the website, donations only being Flandreau Bucks going forward do the money has to circulate in our community and our monthly Membership Newsletter. They all seemed to be very receptive of that and like where we are headed.

Kelley Adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm