

CITY OF RAVENSWOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 17, 2004

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: RAVENSWOOD CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, WALNUT STREET

AGENDA

- 1) Roll call of members and introduction of guests and those wishing to address the RDA
- 2) Amendment and/or approval of Minutes from Meeting of 7/20/04
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Sherry Gorman)
- 4) Historic District Designation Update (Tim Meeks W/MOVRC & Ed Rauh will present an update)
- 5) Tax exempt status update (Julie Gurtis)
- 6) Marshall Study Update (Mark Gorman)
- 7) Web-site Update (Mark Gorman/Bob Staats)
- 8) Subcommittee Reports
 - Business Recruitment, Retention and Tourism (Debbie Hunt)
 - Downtown Revitalization and Landscape Improvement (Kim Quillen)
 - Recreation, Arts and Entertainment (Lucy Harbert)
 - Infrastructure and Grants (Audrey Miller)
- 9) Setting of the preliminary agenda for the next meeting
- 10) Approve next meeting date of 21 September and adjourn

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MINUTES

Meeting: July 20, 2004

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: City Hall

Attendance: Mark Gorman, Lucy Harbert, Gabby Keeler, Kim Quillen, Sherry Gorman, Earl Wolfe, Judy Wiseman, Debi Hunt, Wilma Fourney, Julie Gurtis, Greg Matics
Visitors: Tim Meeks, Ed Rauh, Curtis Johnson

The meeting was called to order by RDA President Mark Gorman, who welcomed newly appointed members Wilma Fourney, Gabby Keeler, Judy Wiseman and Earl Wolfe.

The minutes of the previous meeting (June 15, 2004) were approved. Lucy Harbert made the motion to approve the minutes. Debi Hunt seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0 (Aye 10 Nay 0 Abstain 1.)

Lucy Harbert presented the Treasurer's Report, reporting an beginning balance for the month of \$12,283.07 with one disbursement of \$2,000 to the American Wind Symphony for an ending balance of \$10,283.07. Debi Hunt made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Judy Wiseman seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0 (Aye 10 Nay 0 Abstain 1.)

Secretary Greg Matics presented RDA attendance figures for the past 12 months with nine members achieving the required 60 percent attendance. The attendance figures were certified and the quorum figure for holding a legal meeting for the next six months was set at 5 members. No vote was necessary.

Tim Meeks and Ed Rauh discussed the possibility of Historic District designation for Ravenswood and its pros and cons, noting there are real advantages for property owners to participate. Meeks is to check on the paperwork involved, qualifications and necessary documentation. Also will find out if buildings which have had new windows installed must to restored to period fixtures. Earl Wolfe will try to find information on the former city historical society organization and documentation with regard to city buildings and report at the next RDA meeting.

Julie Gurtis reported that there has been no response yet on the RDA's tax exempt status request. She stated that a letter to that effect should be forthcoming from the IRS.

Marshall Study Update: Mark Gorman reported that he has been in contact with James Leonard of the MU mapping department. Maps of the entire corporate area and how city property is being used are being prepared although scaling problems have arisen with separately prepared maps. Those problems are being worked out. Gorman hopes to get something to

the city's Planning and Zoning commission for their use in the near future.

Greg Matics made a motion to approve RDA bylaws revisions as proposed by Mark Gorman at the June 15 meeting. Lucy Harbert seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0 (Aye 10 Nay 0 Abstain 1.)

Mark Gorman restated that a website point of contact for the RDA is needed. Gorman is acting in this capacity at present and has been since the resignation of Sam Hilton. Gorman said business listings still have not been posted on the website after three months. The RDA empowered Bob Staats II to work with Tyson Graphics "task by task"--initially to get the business listings posted.

Gorman suggested that the RDA recommend to City Council to amend the ordinance dealing with RDA membership to adopt language in line with the state code concerning residency requirements. As with state code language, RDA members should reside on Jackson County or adjoining counties to make for a more robust body, rather than being restricted to reside within the city limits. Lucy Harbert made the motion to recommend that City Council amend the ordinance to adopt residency requirements in line with state code. Judy Wiseman seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0 (Aye 10 Nay 0 Abstain 1).

Gorman announced that the Infrastructure/Grants Subcommittee is being reorganized with Audrey Miller to chair the subcommittee and report monthly. Debi Hunt is also now a member of this subcommittee.

Gorman requested that the RDA reaffirm its endorsement of the Route 2 four-lane development at Eastwood and the Ridgeline property and request City Council to make that project a top priority. Lucy Harbert made the motion to reaffirm and endorse the development and request City Council to make the project a top priority. Sherry Gorman seconded. In discussion, Earl Wolfe said he believed Fred Rader of the MOVRC was to organize a committee to push the project. Wolfe agreed to represent the RDA. Sherry Gorman said the four-lane development has to happen. She stated Ravenswood has to have new revenue-producing business to support Ravenswood's "aging population and an ever decreasing revenue base" as noted in a recent MU study. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0 (Aye 10 Nay 0 Abstain 1).

Mark Gorman detailed his use of Round-Up to spray the weeds on the entire length of Walnut Street.

Debi Hunt reported that Janie Moore has replaced Dick Arter on her Business Retention/Recruitment Subcommittee.

Kim Quillen of the Downtown Revitalization Subcommittee presented information on a new option for street banners and was authorized to proceed with the alternate banners and brackets at a cost of around \$1,800.

Gorman recommended that the RDA fund Octoberfest to same level it did the American Wind Symphony--\$2,000.

Gorman also stated that RDA members should be willing to commit two hours a week (8 hours a month on average) to the organization.

In an election of officers for the 2004-2005 year, Lucy Harbert nominated Mark Gorman as President. Judy Wiseman nominated Lucy Harbert as Vice President. Mark Gorman nominated Audrey Miller as Secretary. Mark Gorman nominated Sherry Gorman as Treasurer. All nominated candidates were approved by unanimous votes of the attending RDA members.

The next RDA meeting was set for August 17, 2004, at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Lucy Harbert made a motion to adjourn. Debi Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0. (Aye 10 Nay 0 Abstain 1).

The agenda for the August 17 meeting includes:

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