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City of Walker
Walker/Standale Downtown Development Authority
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
7:30AM – DDA Board Room
Fire Station #2 – 4101 Lake Michigan Drive

1. Call Meeting to Order-Record Attendance

Present: Pat Goodale, Doug Cramer, Tom Bart, Darrel Schmalzel, Randy Smith, Dave Brinza, Mark Neal, Lauren McNees, Jim DeGroot and Leonard Adams.

Additional Staff and Guests Present: Frank Wash, Amber Kneibel, Scott Conners, Scott Nowakowski,

Absent: Eric Tuinstra.

1. Approval Meeting Minutes- Following review approval of April 21, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion made by Randy Smith with support from Darrel Schmalzel. Motion carried.
2. Discussion of revised offer from Muller Realty, Scott Nowakowski, NorthStar Realty, Property listing at 4211 LMD- Muller realty group provided a revised offer that includes providing a site plan within the first 10 days. The site plan would be reviewed by a subcommittee of the DDA. The agreement is currently being reviewed by the City attorney. A motion was made to accept the revised offer subject first to legal review, by Pat Goodale with support from Mark Neal. Motion carried.
3. Onsite progress meeting with the DDA streetscape / landscaping contractor- Frank Wash has been working with Everetts's Landscaping to address some of the issues with the newly planted trees along the DDA streetscape. A lot of these trees were lost over the winter months, to unknown reasons. Everett's believes it may have something to do with salt spray. The trees were recommended and planted by Everett's, so they are guaranteed. Everett's is working with the DDA on replacements that are native to the state.
4. Engineering Updates-Scott Conners
Construction on the Roundabout continues as well as additional resurfacing projects around the City.
The M-45 tunnel project is moving along. Just waiting on finishing up the easement with Consumer's Energy. Consumer's is fast tracking our request, but it could still take up to two months. Amber continues to work in fundraising.
5. M-45 Tunnel DDA Contribution-Amber Kneibel

The DDA reviewed and discussed the M-45 Community Sponsor Packet. The DDA realized the significance of this project and the impact it will have on the district. A motion was made to contribute \$25,000 towards the North Upper Trail Plaza in FY15 and another \$25,000 towards the project in FY16 by Jim DeGroot with support by Tom Bart. Motion carried.

6. Standale Summer Concert Series-Amber Kneibel

The concert series kicks off June 11. Preparation continues. Posters and flyers are being distributed in the community and to sponsors. Through sponsorships the DDA was able to raise \$7,000. The concert series is completely covered by sponsorship money.

7. Next Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 7:30AM

8. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn at 8:31AM by Pat Goodale with support by Doug Cramer. Motion carried.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Amber Kneibel at 616.791.6856