



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
6pm

Members Present: Gene Kringstad, Norton Walker, Karol Zachmann, Mona Madler
Members Absent: Mary Grube, Traci Bruha
Guests: None

May 26th Meeting Minutes: Gene 1st; Norton 2nd
Financial Statement and Budget Comparison: No discussion

Public Comment Period (3 minutes per person): None

Director's Report:

CTEP – Received the authorization from DOT to proceed with the bid letting process in July; bid opening date was Aug. 24th. No bids were presented, so will go through the process again in early 2016.

Veterans Memorial – New flags have been installed. A POW MIA Memorial will be designed in partnership with the County Commission. At this time, 11 additional Veteran names will be added to the current listing; but, am still seeking more names.

SEMT Meeting was held in June at Makoshika State Park. The annual marketing plan and budget was discussed.

EPEDC Meeting was held in July. DEQ is now doing the reviews on hazardous substance phase 2 projects such as the Randash property. The new risk to the landowner is that DEQ is involved and not willing to say they will not regulate the site if contamination is found.

Urban Renewal District – CDBG Planning Grant application sent in by first day the Dept. of Commerce accepted them which was July 1. DOC staff will review the application and award accordingly. A request was received from DOC for Vision Meeting, CDC and URD Feasibility Study documents in early late August.

Attended a DOT CTAP Workshop on August 26th. Focus of the meeting was on Active Transportation and Recreation Planning. Confirmed the benefits of a walkable community – ie, raises property values which increases taxable value which increases the City's revenues, etc.

Attended the Sturgis Rally in partnership with SEMT staff. State Dept. of Tourism staff was going to partner as well, but at the last minute, was not able to attend. We were set up at the Whitewood Campground, which was poorly attended by Rally participants.

MEDA Conference – Will be held Oct. 12th and 13th in Billings. This conference is featuring a pre-conference meeting regarding "Montana's Infrastructure".

Corridor Planning Info Meeting to be held October 20 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Exhibit Hall.

Sage Grouse is not on the Endangered Species List!

The SMART Building is secure for the winter. Two door openings on the north side and the roof have been sealed. There is a leak in the garage's north wall that comes from a crack in the neighbor's floor.

Old Business:

HRA Policy and Procedure was presented. Norton moved to approve the Policies and Procedures for HRA and provided \$3000 for the 2015 annual contribution. Gene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MOA with EMEDA: Did not bring this up with EMEDA due to not knowing what any cost increases may be. Will review financials/increases at the next meeting.

Jacket sizes were collected from Board members.

Wolfe Building: The owner is interested in selling the property in as-is condition. EMEDA is possibly interested, but not as-is, and not without a contamination assessment completed.

New Business:

Director Hours: Mona informed the Board that workload has decreased due to CTEP and Urban Renewal Plan project delays. Mona requested a reduction in hours until projects/activity increases. After discussion, it was determined that hours will be 9am to 2pm with the understanding that, if workload requires, Mona will work past the set hours as needed. Salary will not change at this time as comp hours will be utilized to offset full work days. This matter will be reviewed in January at the Annual Meeting.

Board Member Reports/Comments: Karol reported that she had recently rode the Charlie Russell Choo-Choo. Discussion was held regarding doing something unique like that to create a destination entertainment/recreation activity.

The next SMART Board Meeting will be held November 24th (Tuesday before Thanksgiving) at 6pm.

As there was no further business, Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gene seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Madler
Executive Director

Karol Zachmann
President