

## **Harmony EDA Minutes**

June 8, 2011  
7:30 a.m.

Council Room  
Community Center

Present: Chris Skaalen, Deb Scrabeck, Steve Donney, Roxanne Johnson, Steve Cremer  
Present: Jerome Illg, Chris Giesen

Meeting was called to order 7:36 a.m. by Roxanne Johnson

### **Minutes**

Motion by Skaalen, seconded by Cremer to approve the minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

### **Financials**

Jerome gave an update on revolving loans. Past due loans were discussed.

Motion by Cremer, seconded by Skaalen to approve financials. Motion carried.

### **Downtown Development**

Chris Giesen introduced Brad Hoiness, owner of Harmony Foods IGA grocery store. Brad described recently completed projects that Harmony Foods has done on with their building. He said that they are now looking at remodeling the outside of the building including resurfacing the parking lot. He noted that the city owns some of the areas of what looks to be his parking lot and was wondering if the city would sell some property to Harmony Foods that is current adjacent to the store and being used as store parking. Brad went on to explain that by acquiring these small parcels of city property, it could possibly allow him to expand his store in the existing location. He came to the EDA meeting today to ask that the EDA review his proposal and make a recommendation to the City Council.

Motion by Donney, second by Scrabeck to recommend to the City Council that they work with Harmony Foods on their request to acquire the small City owned parcels adjacent to the Harmony Foods parking lot. Motion carried.

### **Heritage Grove**

Tim Trimble and Kristie Kiehne were present to give an update on Heritage Grove. Kristie gave the operations report.

Tim reported that the food service had changed back to Martin Bros. Their other supplier was just not working for Harmony like it had in other cities, he said. Cremer asked if Mayo knew about Heritage Grove's short-term room. Tim believed so, but would check into it and follow-up.

Kristie will be looking into SMG and Vision Design for website design and setup work for Heritage Grove. It was discussed that having a well designed website will help market the facility both inside and outside of the community.

Tim also discussed the financials and the maintenance position.

Repairs to the entry way were also discussed. The board reviewed the bids received to correct and repair the water damaged entry way.

Motion by Donney, second by Skaalen to accept the estimate from J&M construction to repair the Heritage Grove entry way and work with the committee to resolve any unforeseen work or costs. Motion carried.

### **Chamber**

Emily Ellis Nikoloski gave the chamber update. She reported that the chamber was now up to 101 members and said that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was on track.

### **Advertising**

Johnson mentioned that the beautification committee was finalizing a design for a sign to be placed on the old elevator to direct traffic downtown. The committee would like to see an antique type arrow sign. They have also been in discussions with the property owner about possible landscaping. Consensus of the board was to develop a design for consideration.

### **Prospects**

Giesen discussed some prospects.

Gaylord Jones was present to ask the EDA about different opportunities. He is looking at having an Amish organic farmer's market-type road stand on his property along highway 52. Giesen will follow up with Gaylord.

At 9:25 a.m. motion was made by Skaalen to adjourn, seconded by Cremer. Motion carried.