

City of Winsted
Downtown Vibrancy Commission
Winsted City Hall – Lewis Room
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
3:30 p.m.

Downtown Vibrancy Commission Members Present: Nancy Fasching
Chip Guggemos
Tami Rosenthal

Downtown Vibrancy Commission Members Absent: Anne Schulenberg
Joe Swanson

Staff Present: Clay Wilfahrt, City Administrator
Mayor Steve Stotko, City Council Liaison
Amanda Zeidler, Utility Billing & Payroll Clerk

1) Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. Chip Guggemos, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2014

Ms. Nancy Fasching made a motion to approve the minutes of the Downtown Vibrancy Commission Meeting on May 13, 2014. Ms. Tami Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3) Staff Report

a) Downtown Vibrancy Commission Member Update

Mr. Clay Wilfahrt stated that the City Council approved the appointment of Ms. Tami Rosenthal to the Downtown Vibrancy Commission on May 20, 2014.

b) Drainage – 135-1st Street North

Mr. Wilfahrt stated that the City Engineer, Bolton and Menk, Incorporated, reviewed the drainage on the east side of the property located at 135-1st Street North, along the Winsted Lake Promenade. Mr. Wilfahrt stated that he will continue to research the issue and will report back to the Downtown Vibrancy Commission at a future meeting.

c) Proposed Hotel

Mr. Wilfahrt provided a brief update regarding the proposed hotel in Winsted.

The Downtown Vibrancy Commission entertained questions regarding the design and location of the proposed hotel, as well as the proposed budget and investors.

4) Old Business

a) Sharon Hecksel – 135-1st Street North

The Downtown Vibrancy Commission discussed building improvements for the building that is located at 135-1st Street North, in downtown Winsted. They also discussed potential financing options for the improvements.

Mr. Guggemos made a recommendation to have a pair of Commission members meet with Sharon Hecksel, property owner, prior to the July, 2014 Downtown Vibrancy Commission Meeting. The Commission members also discussed bringing two (2) or three (3) ideas for improvements to the east side of the building to the next Commission meeting.

b) Images for Empty Storefronts

The Downtown Vibrancy Commission discussed options for placing images in the windows of empty storefronts in downtown Winsted. They discussed pricing, size, and installation. Mr. Guggemos presented examples of images that the Winsted Arts Council had made to place on downtown building windows during the 2014 Winstock Country Music Festival.

c) “Dollars and Cents of Placemaking for Main Streets” Seminar

Mr. Guggemos reviewed materials from the “Dollars and Cents of Placemaking for Main Streets.” Seminar that he attended in Wilmar, Minnesota in March, 2014.

- 5) **No New Business.**
- 6) **No Announcements.**
- 7) **Adjournment**

Ms. Fasching made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Clay Wilfahrt

Clay Wilfahrt,
City Administrator
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

Amanda J. Zeidler

Amanda J. Zeidler,
Utility Billing & Payroll Clerk
City of Winsted