

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

May 5, 1995

Present: Karen Hayashi, Glen Dennis, Chris Launer, Jean Sewell, Mark Hermundstad, Ed Chamberlin, Bruce Hill, Kathleen Killian, DDA Director Barbara Creasman

Also present: Craig Roberts, Ciavonne & Associates

Absent: Linda Afman, Bill Petty, Pat Gormley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mark Hermundstad at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 21, 1995, were approved on a motion by Jean and a second by Chris, with the following corrections noted: adding Glen's last name and adjournment at 9:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Deferred due to new City system.

GROWTH PLAN ALTERNATIVES

Barbara gave a brief introduction. Pat Gormley has been the DDA representative to these meetings and he thinks that it is time for the board to review the information that has been compiled so far, discuss the alternatives and determine if and how the board would like to respond. Does the DDA want to take a position on certain specific issues?

Glen, as our alternate representative, has attended some meetings. He doesn't feel that those discussions have focussed on building a strong downtown community. He saw a recent show on Europe and the pride in their heritage/community. We don't seem to have the same pride or the same sense of community history. The DDA needs to continue with what we are doing - historic preservation, mini parks, and to keep government financial downtown.

Chris feels we need to be involved and talk about downtown and what we want to see. The DDA's job is to represent and promote the economic health of downtown.

Karen asked if the other board members should be attending these meetings. Glen thinks everyone on the board should go to some of the general joint meetings. Our participation

is needed to support downtown and develop a sound plan. In one of the meetings Glen attended, there did not seem to be much concern expressed about downtown. People were more focused on where new development is occurring. Barbara expressed concern that since downtown is currently doing well, the community may not see the need to work on it/invest in it. When downtowns are in bad shape, communities generally rally behind improvement.

Barbara has a list of upcoming meetings and will fax it to the board members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Historical Society Grant was awarded for the feasibility study on the old PSCO steam plant building. The city now owns this building. It has been vacant for many years, so our goal is to determine if there are any viable uses. Work on this should start in July.

Walking Tour Brochure - First draft is out and we are now working on revisions.

Historic Inventory Phase II - Barbara reported that the Selection Committee is recommending the City contract with the Museum. One of the competing firms has complained. Hope to have this resolved in the next couple of weeks.

3RD & MAIN MINI PARK

Craig Roberts, Ciavonne and Associates, reviewed the three scenarios.

Cost could help make a decision, so Craig provided the following information.

\$2.50 - 3.00/SF for flat

large trees \$250 each

planters \$25 a face foot

\$1,250 each for historical lights, bollards \$250

Concept B more expensive because of the raised planters. A & C are probably comparable in cost.

Total about \$20,000 for both A and C, could go up, depending on additions.

The board has agreed to eliminate concept B and has asked for input from City Parks, Public Works and the Downtown Association.

Jean moved to adjourn.