

City of Winsted
Downtown Vibrancy Commission
Winsted City Hall – Vollmer Room
Tuesday, July 9, 2013
3:00 p.m.

Downtown Vibrancy Commission Members Present: Nancy Fasching
Chip Guggemos
Anne Schulenberg
Joe Swanson

Downtown Vibrancy Commission Members Absent: Mary Wiemiller

Downtown Vibrancy Task Force Members Present: Jeff Campbell
Jim Fowler
Angie Hertel
Diane Remer
George Schulenberg

Staff Present: Mayor Steve Stotko, Acting City Administrator and City Council Liaison
Amanda Zeidler, Utility Billing and Payroll Clerk

1) Call the Meeting to Order

Chip Guggemos, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2013

Nancy Fasching made a motion to approve the minutes of the Downtown Vibrancy Commission Meeting on June 4, 2013. Anne Schulenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3) No Staff Report.

4) No Old Business.

5) New Business

a) Downtown Vibrancy Task Force Presentation

Members of the Downtown Vibrancy Commission met with members of the former Downtown Vibrancy Task Force to discuss the recommendations and strategies that were set forth in the Downtown Vibrancy Report from July, 2012.

The group discussed ideas for events and improvements for the downtown area in Winsted. The group also discussed the obstacles that business owners and renters face in the downtown area, as well as the need to provide owners and renters access to funding to make changes and improvements.

The consensus was to move forward and keep everyone moving toward the goal of improving Winsted's downtown, supporting the existing businesses, and encourage new businesses and events to utilize the downtown. Guggemos stated that the priorities of the Downtown Vibrancy Commission over the next few months will be education, and to identify some items that can be achieved or resolved.

b) Downtown Vibrancy Commission Discussion

The Downtown Vibrancy Commission conversed about items that they would like to discuss or accomplish at future commission meetings.

The following items were discussed:

- Updates regarding the status and funding of the Luce Line Trail project.
- Creating fact sheets for each of the civic groups in Winsted to create a better understanding of each group and what they are doing in Winsted.
- Review the Downtown Vibrancy Report and highlight items that each Commission member is passionate about or would like to accomplish.
- Education about the existing downtown, businesses, and events to generate action items for the Downtown Vibrancy Commission.
- Long-range plans for the City of Winsted, including infrastructure and trails.

6) No Announcements.

7) Adjournment

Anne Schulenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fasching seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Steve Stotko

Steve Stotko,
Acting City Administrator
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

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