

City of Winsted  
Downtown Vibrancy Commission  
Winsted City Hall – Vollmer Room  
Tuesday, August 13, 2013  
3:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mayor Steve Stotko, Acting City Administrator and City Council Liaison

**1) Call the Meeting to Order**

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

**2) Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2013**

**Nancy Fasching made a motion to approve the minutes of the Downtown Vibrancy Commission Meeting on July 9, 2013. Anne Schulenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3) No Staff Report.**

**4) Old Business**

**a) Luce Line State Trail Update**

Mayor Stotko provided an update regarding the proposed Luce Line State Trail improvements between Cosmos, Minnesota and Winsted. He informed the Downtown Vibrancy Commission that there is currently a disconnection in the trail, and the City Council intends to use Baker Avenue as the connection point for the trail. The connection trail will be built in the street right-of-way. Mayor Stotko stated that the Winsted Municipal Airport will play a major role in the future trail alignment, and there may need to be a land acquisition in order to realign the trail to maintain compliance with the Airport and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mayor Stotko gave a brief explanation of the funding arrangements and proposed timeline and specifications for the Luce Line State Trail improvements. He also advised that there is a vision to direct trail traffic to downtown Winsted as part of the connection, and possibly create a trail along Kingsley Street South to aid in the connection.

**5) New Business**

**a) Review of Winsted Area Civic Groups**

Guggemos stated that many of the Downtown Vibrancy Commission members belong to other civic and community organizations in Winsted. He stated that he would like the Commission to discuss ways to utilize and enlist other civic and community groups for ideas and cooperation to revitalize the downtown. The Downtown Vibrancy Commission discussed and created a list of contacts for each organization, or group in Winsted. Guggemos stated that he would try to formulate contact information for each group.

**b) Establish Direction and Objectives for the Downtown Vibrancy Commission**

The Downtown Vibrancy Commission brainstormed items and ideas to enhance and improve the downtown area.

The following ideas were discussed:

- Painting curbs and parking spaces
- Cleanliness
- Inexpensive improvements to the downtown area
- Painting the buildings in the Promenade area facing Winsted Lake
- Outdoor seating areas at the restaurants located downtown
- Awareness of social capital
- Quotes or words to inspire community and enhance the buildings downtown

**c) Tentative walking tour of Downtown Winsted**

The Downtown Vibrancy Commission postponed the walking tour of the downtown area until a future date to assess the area and brainstorm ideas to enhance and develop the downtown area.

**6) Announcements**

Guggemos asked the Downtown Vibrancy Commission members to consider a vision and mission statement for the Downtown Vibrancy Commission prior to the September, 2013 commission meeting, at which time the Commission can discuss and compose a mission statement.

Guggemos reminded everyone that the next commission meeting will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room at Winsted City Hall.

**7) Adjournment**

**Anne Schulenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Fasching seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.**

*Steve Stotko*

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Steve Stotko,  
Acting City Administrator  
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

*Amanda J. Zeidler*

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