

WOOD RIVER VISION 20/20
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 12, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Wood River Vision 20/20 was held Monday, May 12, 2014 at City Council Chambers, Wood River City Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by President Tyler Doane. Members present were Brian Hayes, Greg Cramer, Pam Kjar and Jason Rotter. Board member Joyce Willoughby was absent.

Brian Hayes moved to approve as presented the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting. Cramer seconded the motion. All aye.

Doane informed those present that Penny Volf will be drafting a letter for mass mailing regarding formation of the community investment group and possibly the housing investment group. It is possible that a housing investment club will construct single family residences and town houses before the end of the year. There was discussion that the letter would be used to determine the amount of interest in both groups prior to formation. It was also discussed that the community investment club could address the need for additional daycare in Wood River, if additional housing is constructed. The Board briefly discussed property abatement, CROWN home construction and the timeline for the Comprehensive Plan and Housing Study. Doane informed the Board of a meeting with Linda Addison from Housing Development Corporation, set for June 2nd at 3:30 pm to discuss CROWN home development.

It was moved by Jason Rotter and seconded by Pam Kjar to instruct the Housing Committee to proceed with the mailing and to set a meeting date for discussion between interested parties. All aye. Hayes will relay the approval to Sara Arnett and Penny Volf.

Local businessman, Tom Babel, has been looking into the possibility of pool construction in Wood River. He visited several communities in Nebraska and invited a representative of the engineering firm to visit with local residents. Doane presented the Board with a drawing of one of the locations (Wood River ball fields). He spoke of proposed funding for the project, including foundation funds, matching City funds, possible sales taxes, business and farming community funds. It was determined that the Board will ask Mr. Babel and representatives of Vision 20/20 to attend a study session to determine the next course of action. Other topics discussed included the formation of a Wood River Recreation Association encompassing the pool, golf course and ball field complex and the possibility of constructing a soccer field.

A discussion followed regarding adoption of a City sales tax. It was discussed as a possibility of placement on the spring ballot along with a municipal bond designated for pool construction. Hayes mentioned that unless the tax will be tied to a specific use such as for parks and recreation maintenance, the initiative will fail. Cramer stated that the Council would like to see some form of support from area individuals and businesses, such as a petition, before proceeding.

Rotter reported on the progress of the sign project. We are waiting for the light agreement between the City of Wood River and NDOR, the signed Reeder lease and permit issuance. Kjar made a motion to move forward with the permit process. Hayes seconded the motion. All aye.

Rotter exited the meeting at approximately 7:10 pm.

Childcare was the next topic of discussion. The community needs survey indicated that there are approximately 100 children in day care of some type. About 30 of those children are cared for in Wood River. It was discussed that if additional housing is constructed and we hope to attract more families, we need to be sure daycare is available. Doane stated he believed it would be a good investment club project. Kjar suggested we send a letter to the local churches regarding the possibility of establishing a day care facility. She will draft a letter to the ministerial association to inquire about their interest in this project.

Doane stated that we have no progress on our 501(c)3, non-profit status or Federal Identification Number.

Other business before the Board included a letter received by Keep Nebraska Beautiful regarding the "Grow Big Red" campaign. The group encourages planting red flowers along state roads and highways. Kjar indicated she will plant red flowers around the City identification sign when constructed on her property. She will also obtain information regarding establishing a butterfly garden in Library Park. Doane stated that we have been invited to participate in the Hall County Grander Vision project. The kick-off meeting will be held at the HC Law Enforcement Center at 9:00 am on May 19. Cramer indicated he plans to attend.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.