

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Cold Spring Economic Development Authority

Date: **Monday, 1/12/15, 4:00 pm**
Location: Granite Community Bank Community Room
Attending:
Absent:
Guests: Participated in the Downtown Committee Presentation/Work Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. The meeting was called to order Chairperson Nate Sauer.
2. Agenda. The agenda was presented by Nate Sauer, approved as presented.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were not presented.

The Downtown Committee meeting was held at The community room of Granite Community Bank. The meeting was brought to order by Nate Sauer, chairperson of the downtown committee who gave opening remarks.

4. Nate then turned the meeting over to Gary Theisen, who went through the intent of today's meeting. The subcommittee who had worked on the plan details including costs was also introduced at this time.
5. The next speaker introduced by Gary Theisen was Geoff Martin who gave the overview of the downtown design concept to date. He went through the plans in approximately 10 minutes, also covering the schematic drawings for Red River and Main Street.
6. After Geoff's overview Dan Kron and Paul Hoeschen went through project specifics including the cost breakdowns. All areas of the plan were covered including bike lanes, poles, lights, trees, granite streetscapes, bump outs and other areas of emphasis. Paul also said that both Red River and Main Street will remain a 2 lane road. He discussed the tree concept which will work well with larger boulevards and narrower streets as planned. Gateways to Cold Spring were discussed and included Hwy #23 and Main Street, Hwy #23 and Red River Avenue and County Road # 2 and Red River Avenue. There were questions from the attendees in regard to narrow roads and truck traffic. Some of the property owners in the group mentioned that they have not been notified of the process, the meetings and the outcomes. One individual did compliment the committee on its process and stated the necessity of the planning process and the success of the completed Sauk Rapids downtown development. Mike Guggenberger who has been involved in the Granite Landing project specifically mentioned that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Cold Spring to reinvent and define the future success of Granite Landing and its downtown.

7. Renee Hemmesch then went into the next segment of the meeting which was the Circle Six small group exercise. She explained how the Circle Six system worked and the desired outcomes of this activity. The attendees were broken into groups of 3 to 5 members with a total of 7 groups formed. Each group then assigned an individual to lead the discussion and to record the individual votes. The task of the groups was to discuss the categories detailed on the Circle Six item handout and then each individual was to decide specifically "Yes or No" on the following items. They were – 1, Bike Lanes 2. Street Lights 3. Trees, 4. Different Granite Streetscape items, (benches, bollards, columns), 5. Bump-outs,(main street only) 6. Select areas of emphasis, (downtown area vs. gateway). The group leader completed the Circle 6 items form, handed in the form with the meeting then completed.
8. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. . The next meeting is scheduled to be a joint open meeting with the County of Stearns at City Hall in Cold Spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Steil

There is an attachment to these minutes which include the details of the Circle Six outcome results tallied at a later date.