

B.U.I.L.D. Minutes
September 11, 2012
Art Chicks

Members and guests present: Terri Scholting, Dee Arias, Jennifer Galbraith, Chris Noda, Andy Mixan, Brian Naffziger, Kari Wockenfuss, Nikki Biesterfeld, Kitran Geise, Mike Krambeck, John Winkler, Roberta Pinkerton, Nancy McManis, Shureen Seery, Jeff Power, Bob Copple, Brandon Copple, Alan Mueller, Rafael Weddle and John Yochum.

Terri Scholting presided over the meeting. The minutes from the August 7, 2012 meeting were read and approved by the group.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Andy Mixan.

The BUILD account balance is just over \$2,500.

New Business: Mayor Mueller spoke about the sidewalk replacement, specifically the strip of red, stamped concrete on Main Street. The city council had been approached by Jeff Power about replacing the strip, or more, of the sidewalk. The Mayor said there are some CRA funds available and the city council expressed an interest in participating in the project, but wanted to get the property owner's opinions. Some business owners said they needed new water lines/curb stops as well as complete sidewalk replacement. The property owners are responsible for the cost, but the city is willing to help. It was agreed to send a letter to all property owners and ask for an inventory of needs, including water service lines, how many panels of sidewalk need to be replaced and opinion of color of strip. Prices will be gathered and more decisions made after the responses from the businesses are received.

Shureen Seery reported for LHS – an open house will be held on September 28th (Homecoming) with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a fireworks display after the game donated by Bellino Fireworks. She said the rally towels were a great addition to school spirit.

Old Business:

Terri, Bob Copple and Andy Mixan are on a committee for the awareness of Louisville contest. They met with the student council at the high school and they are very interested in becoming involved. The committee is still working on a prize package and will be seeking donations.

John Winkler gave an update on a candidate forum to meet the Legislative candidates. John has approached Greg Shepard about using the school as a location and was met with a favorable response. He asked the opinion of the B.U.I.L.D. members whether they wanted a lunchtime meeting with just the members or an evening and open it up to the community. The members showed more interest to an evening meeting and opening to the public. John will shoot for a mid-October to end of October date. More information to follow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome/Membership Committee: Jean Heim/Nikki Biesterfeld

No bags delivered this month. Nikki said there were plenty of supplies.

Events Committee: Nancy McManis/Dee Arias

The next event is the Scarecrows Among Us event. Nancy found out that the school is only going to be able to do two scarecrows this year and she asked the businesses to step up and participate. Advertising has already been done and she hopes to have a lot of entries.

Ring in the Season is on hold until someone or some group steps up to take over. Nikki will talk to the Royal Neighbors.

Dee reported that the Omaha Volkswagen Car Club is on the city council agenda tomorrow and she wanted to get the business owner's opinions on holding the event again next year on the Saturday before Father's Day in June. Comments were made that any event that brings people to town is a success. Everyone thought the event this past June was handled very professionally and are in favor of allowing the event again next year.

Economic Development Committee: John Yochum

John Yochum reported that there are a couple of service industries in Cass County that are expanding. He also said a Cass County Familiarization Committee is coming through soon. There is also a National Site Decision meeting in October and John plans to get Cass County in front of those people. Rafael Weddle reported that Ash Grove is just starting a \$26.8 million project to keep in compliance that will bring many contractors to town. Ash Grove has also budgeted an additional \$3.2 million in capital improvements.

Presentation Committee: Terri Scholting (chair)

Terri reported that it's time to put up the fall flags. She also reported that OPPD has donated a flag pole for the Welcome to Louisville sign. She and Bob Copple will work on figuring out the size of flag to purchase as well as a lighting kit.

Marketing Committee: Nancy McManis (chair)

Nancy reported that B.U.I.L.D. is going to advertise in the 2013 Southeast Nebraska Visitor's Guide with help from the Cass County Tourism grant money. The ad will concentrate on Louisville in general, not specifically any events.

Fundraising:

No report.

Community: Jennifer Galbraith (chair)

No report.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at Home State Bank catered by Subway.