

Harrington Public Development Authority

Minutes

November 15, 2016

The Public Development Authority (PDA) meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on November 15, 2016 by President Josh Steward. Those present were Allen Barth, Margie Hall, Lincoln County EDC, Paul Charlton, Heather Slack, Josh Steward and Bunny Haugan.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed. Paul Charlton gave the treasurer's report of \$724.19 after paying Spectrum.

OLD BUSINESS

Since there was a balance of about \$80.00 left from the grant it was recommended the PDA return the money to the Lincoln County Commissioners from whence it came.

A letter will be written to the commissioners offering to return the money, but we would like to use it for advertising our bandwidth availability, however advertising was not mentioned in the original grant proposal so it would be at the discretion of the commissioners to allow this use of the balance of these grant funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Margie Hall from the EDC was present and shared a press release she had prepared "is Harrington the new millennial suburbs"? It was information promoting Harrington and expanding on the attributes of small towns living. The press release stressed that the empty store fronts are the main focus of the PDA, so a tour of empty commercial buildings is a project the PDA is considering. The members present were in agreement that this press release was good and should be sent.

The information on the Tour of Empty Buildings continued. Margie explained the concept and how it could work if the PDA was in favor of promoting this idea. She outlined the steps to get started as follows:

- 1) Identify properties, contact owners and encourage their involvement in the project.
- 2) Pick a date and time...early to mid June possibly
- 3) Check in station...perhaps like the Opera House so it could be "highlighted".
- 4) Promotion...talk up and advertise at the car show, etc.

After some discussion the following decisions were made:

- 1) Schedule tour as a stand - alone event
- 2) Invite property owners to next PDA meeting on January 17, to give them more definite information and their input on the new venture.

The group discussion and sharing ideas is a valuable part of our meetings and continued. These discussions are constructive and create some out of the box thinking. Even an Alien Event could be a community adventure.

The December meeting was cancelled due to the holiday schedules. The next meeting will be January 17, 2017.

Secretary, Bunny Haugan