

## CITY OF LEWISTON, MINNESOTA



### EDA Minutes April 25, 2014

Board Members Present: John Stiles, John Prigge Larry Rupprecht, Jon Nienow, Russ Buege, & Phil Kalmes

Board Members Absent: Sharon Trester

Others Present: Brian Moehnke, Robin Randall, Garlan Hulbert

1. **Agenda Review:** Agenda approved.
2. **March Minutes Review:** March Minutes accepted.
3. **Old Main City Hall: Structural Review Update:** Brian clarified with Yaggy Colby the vagueness of their report. He is now under the impression that the building is dilapidated and a rough estimate to fix the building would be near the \$150,000 mark but that only a contractor could give him a better estimate and only after the city stripped the building down to the studs. From said information, *the EDA Board unanimously recommends to the city council; because of lack of interest and projected rehabilitation costs, that the City and EDA begin a downtown revitalization.* This would consist of demolishing Old Main City Hall. Purchase of the building next door, sharing a wall, should also be discussed.
4. **Highway 14 Corridor Project: Landscaping Update:** Brian laid out the costs, future costs, and differences between two bids and potential problem. Robin and Garland shared their thoughts on the MNDOT design and are not going to help in maintaining the flower beds due to the right of way lines (beds) being on too steep of an incline. The EDA recognizes the advice and will inform and work with MNDOT on possible alternatives and/or how the City can use the design. *The unanimously resolves to postpone the work on the MNDOT project and look for alternatives to improve the corridor.*
5. **Branding Lewiston: Subcommittee:** A quick conversation and going over the letter with the charge of what the subcommittee will do were discussed. From this and previous meeting conversations, the EDA creates the branding subcommittee unanimously. Jon Nienow will be the leader of the subcommittee.
6. **Trails Plan Update:** There are now fliers and boards to show off the trail plan. To add more sharrows (per question last meeting), we will need a true design and county's approval of said design. There is a meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> to go over SRTS, where multiple agencies will look at the crossings and trail behind the elementary school.

**7. Nature Preserve / Ponds:** Talks of a subcommittee for this subject were put on hold, as the EDA feels there are enough projects and committees occurring. Brian contacted Winona State about starting up a relationship with them, specifically biology/ecology professors.

- a. Annexation Conversation: The last time annexation came up, in 2002, the EDA was disbanded. Brian was curious about the annexation because it was all set up in 2002, paperwork, maps, etc, then just disappeared off the City Council Minutes. Current EDA board talked about purpose of connecting the city borders to waste plant, nature preserve, for trails, and for control of Homestead Road for annexation. *A unanimous recommendation to properly annex land towards the wastewater plant and nature preserve to fulfill comprehensive plans was made to the City Council.*

**8. Other Business:**

- a. Finances: Brian contacted the Aare's about late payments via letter. *A unanimous resolution to move our money in our CD account to the money market account was approved. The CD is to come due in the next month.*
- b. Waste cans: *The EDA unanimously approved the motion to approve up to \$3,000 of EDA savings to be used to purchase 4 to 5 high quality, matching garbage receptacles for the City.* John Stiles noted that the Lions Club should be contacted as they wanted to help on a project like this in the past.
- c. Brian went over the current city projects for a general update on the city's activities.