

NorthFork Board of Directors Minutes
June 3, 2008 / Reeder Originals

Attendants: Clark Froehlich, Dan Mauk, Darrel Novacek, Jim Miller, Joe Ferguson, John Stappert, Les Mann, Lonn Atwood, Mark Hall, Michael Brogan, Roger Nadrchal, Tom Higginbotham, Tom Schommer

Absent: Chris Carlson, Dave Fauss, David Copple, Dick Wozniak, Jim Brenneman, Paula Pflueger, RJ Baker, Stan Staab, Sue Fuchtmann, Tom Tomlinson, Troy Strom, Webb McNally

Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Group reviewed minutes from the May 6, 2008 meeting. Schommer made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Froehlich second the motion, motion approved.

Reports: Novacek reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that the brochures for solicitation are nearing the final draft for approval. Committee members added many more visuals, along with location captions. Committee members met with the Eagles Club for a presentation, Miller stated that it went well and that Novacek was a valued addition to the presentation due to his excitement with the project. A Q&A Session followed the presentation and all club members agreed the project is worth supporting. Eagle Club members were asked to consider a donation of \$500-1000.00 and committee members will be in touch with them within the next 30 days for contribution. Currently, there are 17 volunteer solicitors working on fund raising, with six more to be contacted about becoming a volunteer.

Hall reported on the committees meeting with Chris Winter, Hwy Engineer, approximately 2-weeks ago and that the meeting went well; points made were:

- Overpass should not be considered as a connection to the existing cowboy trail as there are many restrictions in place and hard to change.
- 7th Street connection would be a more viable solution, will need to work with railroad if this option is chosen
- Overall, she agreed that concept was a good one and encouraged going forward

Committee members have been working with John Stappert creating the website concept and possible budgetary considerations. Discussion was made and it was decided to form a sub-committee with Hall as chair, along with Stappert and one member of the youth group to proceed with the website development and report back once a clear concept has been decided and a firm budget is in place. Other points to consider are:

- Blogging (could utilize the Visioning 2026 blog site until own site is ready)
- History of river (using old photos and historical data as background, this would take considerable time to do well)
- Concept needs to be well thought out as this site could have the potential to be linked to the city and other websites to draw people to the community.

Action: Nadrchal gave the group the committee's recommendation to proceed with the proposed Scope & Services presented to them by HDR. Extensive discussion was made in regards to:

- Timeline of this portion of the project
- Cost for the Scope and Services
- Bringing the City in as a collaborator and how best to do so
- Presentations made by HDR and committee members to City Council members, planning and finance committees
- Timeline needed to achieve consideration for upcoming new city budget
- Verbal discussion with HDR as to a letter of intent
- Actual written letter of intent
- Who will have final responsibility when contracts are written up
- Suggestion to have the city council create a sub-committee to review existing process and progress made by committee members of the project for future consideration of the city budget by July of this year
- Amount of financial support to ask the city
- Maintenance of project once in place

Atwood made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to use HDR and to do a letter of intent with benchmarks that must be met prior to contract being written and signed; Stappert second, motion approved.

Miller announced that there will be 2-3 more speaking engagements to service clubs in the near future; and that they will have some type of presence at the Comedy Festival. Mann reported that the Comics will be engaged in a stock tank race down the river from the YMCA to Johnson's park, culminating with refreshments in the park. Community members will be invited to watch the race (ie parade) from the shore and join in the refreshments at the park. As there was no more business, Schommer made a motion to adjourn until July 1, 2008 at Reeder Originals at noon, Ferguson second, motion approved, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Carlson