

NorthFork Board of Directors Minutes
July 22, 2008 / Reeder's Originals

Attendants: Clark Froehlich, Darrel Novacek, Jim Miller, Mark Hall, Tom Higginbotham, Tom Schommer, Lonn Atwood, RJ Baker, Sue Fuchtman, Troy Strom, Les Mann, Webb McNally, Dick Wozniak, Amanda Jones

Absent: Joe Ferguson, Dan Mauk, Michael Brogan, Paula Pflueger, Chris Carlson, John Stappert, Drew Oswald, Stan Staab, Roger Nadrchal,

Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Group reviewed minutes from the July 11, 2008 meeting. Froehlich made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Schommer seconded, motion moved.

Reports: Miller started off the meeting by complimenting those who stood and spoke at the finance committee. Those that spoke presented a strong case. \$160,000 was asked for over a 2 year budget cycle. With the Mayor's question of where the money was going to be sent, Atwood gave the office of Gary Miller copies of the HDR contract to be sent to all the council members.

Comments were asked for regarding the city finance meeting. Atwood stated that we was glad that J. Paul went to "bat" for the project by standing up and speaking for the project at the finance meeting. There will be jobs available and the creation of the project will be able to steal workers and bring back people to the Norfolk area. McIntosh really put the council on the spot. There are competition opportunities that come with area growth.

Fuchtman stated, "Everything that has been done by this group has been done and done well."

Action: Discussion for the RiverWalk kickoff meeting was held. Everyone who was not at the HDR presentation should go to this meeting. The HDR contracts should have already been viewed by the city council. This will set a good foundation for support and a heads up for the kickoff meeting.

Fuchtman stated there are 3 things that need to be handled:

- Getting the vision of "dirty water" out of everyone's minds
- Inform residents of how they will be affected, if at all, by the project
- What to do, if anything, about Henningson's

Those that are concerned should be invited to the meeting to ask questions, become more involved, more informed, and educated on the importance of developing the river. The kickoff meeting time and date are to be announced.

On finances, Novacek did not have anything to report on financial changes for the RiverWalk Funds. Decision from the City finance committee will determine any changes, so reports will be made at that time.

There was discussion on creating letters to the editor. Hall already sent his in, Novacek wrote his and gave it to Miller for review. Miller had a letter written as well. Discussion was made as to get others to write letters and who to have write letters. Jones suggested have someone write a letter that was once against the project but has since changed their mind and is very much in support of the project. It was agreed that it was a good idea and Novacek recommended Pat Widner.

Miller reported that the Lion's Club is still working on their funding before getting their donation in, Knights of Columbus will possible put the project on their agenda, PEO (women's group) is another possible target for soliciting.

As there was no more business the meeting was adjourned.

Board meeting will be held on July 22, 2008 at Reeder's Originals.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Jones.