

The Mandan Renaissance Zone Committee met at 12:15 p. m. on January 10, 2011, in the Edward Boshö Froelich Room at City Hall. Committee members present were Jay Feil, Rob Knoll, Bruce Strinden and Dot Frank. Absent was Pat Maddock. Others present were Business Development Director Ellen Huber and persons interested in the committee openings: David Leingang and Robert Vayda.

Feil called the meeting to order. Committee members reviewed minutes of the meeting held November 30, 2010.

Strinden moved to approve the minutes. Knoll seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Consider letters of interest for Renaissance Zone Committee positions.** Huber noted that at the last meeting, the committee had directed her to issue a news release to announce the two new committee positions and to seek letters of interest. The news release was issued Dec. 13. The deadline for letters was Dec. 31, 2010. Letters were received from David Leingang and Robert Vayda. Leingang and Vayda each offered information about their respective backgrounds and interest in the Renaissance Zone. Committee members asked questions of the interested parties.

Strinden moved to accept the letters of interest from David Leingang and Robert Vayda and to forward a recommendation to the City Commission regarding their appointment to the Renaissance Zone Committee. Knoll seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Report on Schlosser Home Contracting application.** Huber explained that she had not forwarded the Renaissance Zone Committee's recommendation as planned for approval of the application for construction of a twin home at 604 First Street NW. Richard Barta, head of the Assessing and Building Inspection Department, realized in December that municipal code pertaining to the Downtown Core District (21-04-17) does not allow the construction of residential dwellings with fewer than 9 units. Low density residential is allowed in the Downtown Fringe District. The Mandan Architectural Review Commission is discussing the situation to determine if they should recommend to the City Commission any changes in the municipal code to allow fewer units or to alter the boundaries for the core district. The other option is that the Schlossers could propose a project that meets the current core district requirements. Huber will hold the application until MARC and/or the Schlossers make a decision as the current application does not meet requirements of municipal code.

Strinden moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Ellen Huber,  
Business Development Director

Jay Feil  
Chairman  
Renaissance Zone Committee