

Mandan Renaissance Zone Committee
Thursday, December 17, 2015
4:30 p.m.
Dykshoorn Room, City Hall, 205 Second Avenue NW
MINUTES

Renaissance Zone

Committee Members:

Mandan Progress Organization:
Bruce Strinden, Newman Signs (2015-2017) - Chair

Private Sector:
Rob Knoll, Knoll Appraisals (2015-2017) - Vice Chair

Financial Sector:
Darren Haugen, Starion Financial Services (2014-2016)

Real Estate Sector:
Pat Vannett (2015)

City of Mandan:
Commissioner Mike Braun (2012-2016)

Community At Large
David Leingang (2014-2016)

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Robert Vayda (2014-2016)

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City of Mandan:
City Administrator, Jim Neubauer

City of Mandan:
Business Development Director, Ellen Huber

1. Consider approval of agenda
Pat Vannett moved to approve the agenda. Dave Leingang seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Consider approval of the following minutes:
 - a) July 27, 2015
Robert Vayda moved to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2015 meeting. Vannett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consider letters of interest for service on the Renaissance Zone Committee and recommendations to the City Commission
 - a) Real estate sector term (2016-2018)
 - i) Michael Evans
 - ii) Gene Modin
 - iii) Pat Vannett

The committee considered letters of interest for service on the committee from three applicants, Mike Evans, Gene Modin and Pat Vannett.

Huber explained an error in the press release issued on the committee openings. The release indicated the opening on the Renaissance Zone Committee was in the private sector, but it is actually in the real estate sector. Chairman Bruce Strinden and City Administrator Jim Neubauer indicated they were comfortable moving forward with consideration of potential committee members. Evans was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict and no response was received from Modin.

Strinden suggested recommending the re-appointment of Vannett. Vannett was appointed to the committee in 2015 to serve the balance of an unexpired term. It is her position that expires at the end of 2015. Huber noted Vannett has only served a short time and is the only person from the real estate sector to submit a

letter of interest. Rob Knoll said it took a long time to find a committee member representing the real estate sector and it didn't make sense to appoint someone who didn't represent that sector.

Knoll moved to recommend the re-appointment of Pat Vannett to the Renaissance Zone Committee. Vayda seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The committee's recommendation will be presented to the City Commission for final approval on Jan. 5, 2016.

4. Renaissance Zone project status update

Huber provided an update on Renaissance Zone projects. No new applications have been received. All projects are finalized and everything is up-to-date. The property tax exemption for the Collins Place project was reduced by a prorata share for the 2015 year due to vacant commercial space. The project agreement required the space to be filled in order to receive the full benefit. Huber will provide the committee with the exact percentage. The project was started by Crown Equity, LLC. The property was since purchased by EVI Collins Place, LLC.

5. Other business

Knoll asked if the committee will be discussing the expansion of the Renaissance Zone in the year ahead. Huber said it is a future agenda item. At the last meeting, the committee indicated a desire to explore including areas of Memorial Highway. Huber said it is also important to consider if there is the political appetite to open such a large area to property tax exemption.

6. Adjourn

Knoll moved to adjourn. Leingang seconded. The motion passed unanimously.