

Intergovernmental Committee

Minutes

7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 10, 2011

North Mankato City Council Chamber

1. Call to Order at 7:00
2. Committee members attending: Mayor Eric Anderson and Councilmember Mark Frost of the City of Mankato and Mayor Mark Dehen and Councilmember Bob Freyberg of the City of North Mankato.
3. Old Business
 - a. Veterans Memorial Place update
 - Chuck Brandel from I & S provided project update
 - See attached
 - pavers ordered, should arrive next week
 - 600 of 1400 already sold, Tom Miller will be engraving
 - paver donation form available at service clubs
 - will try to make available on Cities' web sites
 - \$31,000 in in-kind donations
 - hoping for an additional \$10,000 in in-kind
 - \$20,000 spent last year in parking lot, etc.
 - current total estimated cost \$81, 530
 - b. Veterans Memorial Place donation presentations
 - Mel Roiger , Dave Gette and other veterans reps were presented a check for \$16,950 in donations
 - City of Mankato donated all funds raised for July 4th project, along with funds from Heroes Day and Blues on Belgrade
 - Mike Inger & Vickie Hagen pledged \$5000 from the "Tee It Up for the Troops project on August 28-29.
 - c. July 4th Fireworks Review
 - very successful & well received.
 - bridge closing went very well
 - close later, as crowd didn't arrive until later
 - add radio/music to bridge
 - d. Beyond Yellow Ribbon
 - Joint effort of Blue Earth, Nicollet & LeSueur counties
 - county coordinator will interact w/ volunteers
 - Sen. Sheran helping establish project

Will unfurl all at once when ready

- e. Mankato River Ramble 10/9/2011
proceeding as anticipated
Action Step: Freyberg will provide bike vendor name

4. New Business

- a. Local Government Aid reduction impacts

2011-12 impact		Initial Levy Prediction
Mankato	\$2.4 million	8%
No Mankato	\$1.25 million	10%

will need to be creative w/ budgeting to minimize levy
opportunity to coordinate some items between cities
- b. Mass Transit
Greater Mankato Transit Redesign Study starting 9/29
will review ridership, schedule, costs, etc.
current costs 60% federal, 33% state & 7% rider
federal & state subsidies will be decreasing
- c. Vine Project
worthy project, but substantial fundraising required
making progress currently
concerns over proposed services in conflict w/ private sector
recommend coordination/collaboration where able
should also be pursuing grants
Mankato Foundation involvement
Cities approached for donations
difficult with current budget shortfalls
low interest loans more appropriate as economic
development
- d. Veterans Walk/event
awaiting reinstallation of WWI marker in Sibley Park
Tom McLaughlin will be approaching Mankato Council soon
has funds, original plaque & new verbage
**Action Step: recommend Mankato City Council approve
installation at first opportunity**
possible dedication on 11/11/11 if marker installed in time
**Action Step: Dehen & McLaughlin will work w/ CVB to
establish veteran marker trail/map across both
cities, as well as w/ MSU ROTC, runners groups to
create event**

e. Inter-city Leadership Visit

Frost has attended prior 2 trips and indicates very valuable in networking local leaders, as well as creating momentum for quality of life initiatives like Twin River Arts Council, sculpture walk, etc.

Action Step: recommended North Mankato consider participating or absence noted

f. Refugee Resettlement

Dehen discussed his meeting w/ Jessica O'Brien from MRCI Work Source on this initiative. He had recommended that she meet w/ county administrators/human services directors to coordinate projects/benefits across both counties, as counties administer these programs. Can coordinate w/ Cities thereafter.

g. Other

Area Mail Processing feasibility study
potentially closing mail distribution center and North Mankato post office
public comment meeting on 8/24 at 6:30 pm at City Center hotel.

Action Step: Dehen & Anderson to attend and will coordinate points

Budgets

Freyberg alluded to the necessity, or possible duty. of this group is to get information from city managers that is critical to budgeting and forecasting well in advance of deadlines. One of the simplest things we can ask for in budgeting is for ...ALL OF THE PERTINENT INFORMATION, NOT THE WATERED DOWN VERSION.

.recommended the Cities coordinate equipment Budgets to try & realize cost savings in tight economy.

Action Step: Jointly review equipment budgets at November meeting.

Soap dispensers installed in Sibley Park restrooms recommended by Freyberg

Action Step: install sanitizers

Discussion on the real, positive impacts generated by Intergovernmental committee on July 4th, Veterans project, etc. w/, hopefully, more to come.

Kudos to Mark Frost for his constant involvement in the Veterans Memorial project over the last 5 years. His leadership allowed the Intergovernmental committee to take the lead and become the catalyst to achieving full funding on this project

5. Next meeting 11/9/2011 in Mankato

6. Adjournment at 8:27

Respectfully submitted,

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Project Update

Veterans Memorial Place

Date: August 10, 2011

- Grading and Base – Completed by North Mankato crews
- Electrical Conduit is installed
- Irrigation Conduit is installed
- Mike Brennan Donated Service to assist I&S as the General Contractor and is currently working on concrete footings for signage and flag poles.
- Nielson Blacktopping to donate concrete pavement after first course of retaining wall is installed
- Broad Street Brick and Patio to construct pavers. They are currently being ordered. Broad Street will do work in September and October after pavers arrive and are engraved.
- Tom Miller will do the engraving – 200 to 300 to be engraved and installed this year.
- Entrance Sign ordered from Vetter Stone.
- Weerts to donate Sod
- Need to line up landscaping and plantings after pavers and concrete work is completed.
- Cost Estimate is currently at \$81,530.

*Project Cost
to \$100k donated
home & office
donated*

*Applications
at Service
clubs \$100*

Veterans Memorial Place

spent \$20k last yr.