



DOWNTOWN LAKEVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2007

Attendees:

Tom Barnard, Larry Werner, Candy Retka, Adam Kienberger, Jim Isaacson; Judy Barger, Nancy P. Smith, Tracy Hummelgard, Wendy Wulff, Steve Porter, Roz Peterson, Jaclyn Hotzler, Mark Hotzler, Paul Haglund, Todd Bornhauser, Judy Tschumper.

Facilitator – President Nancy P. Smith

Jaclyn Hotzler was introduced to the membership and introductions were made by all members.

City of Lakeville Update – Adam Kienberger

The City Council will be meeting the evening of June 18th. The agenda includes various housekeeping items including the renewal of liquor license applications. The licenses now become effective in July instead of January as previously approved. Projects under construction include Holly Hewitt's dance studio, Family Health Clinic, Train America (formerly Blue Chips Sports Academy), Porterhouse Steak and New Market Bank and Platt Dental, Best Buy and Cub Foods. Best Buy and Cub are slated to open in the fall of 2007. Lifetime Fitness has opened their new facility. Commercial and Industrial permits as of the end of May 2007 totaled \$167 million in comparison to \$60 million in May of 2006. Applications are being taken by the city for the city council position being vacated due to David Luick's resignation. Applications are due by July 2nd and an appointment expected at the August 6th council meeting.

Lakeville Area Arts Center Update – Tom Barnard

Summer camps have begun including the "Beauty and The Beast" camp. A new Lakeville community theatre "Expressions" has been formed and their first performance "Marriages and Murders" will be held in July. The Lakeville Art Fair is scheduled for September 15 and 16. Forty- five artists out of 110 have been selected as exhibitors for the event.

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ISD 194 Update – Roz Peterson

Applied Health and Physical Education curriculums have been approved. The transportation contract with Schmitty's has been approved. The elementary report cards are being changed to a scale of 1 to 5 instead of letters, "S" etc. Music and Math curriculums have been updated. There is some bond levy capital money available that is being considered for LNHS improvements, including artificial turf for the football stadium. LNHS fields flood every year so these improvements would fix that and allow more use of the football field. The board will be holding a study session on June 8th to discuss the levy referendum issue. Discussion followed regarding the complex budgetary process that the school board must adhere to. Roz stated that a good way to understand this is that "bonds are for buildings, levy is for learning." The district has approved a joint powers agreement with the South of the River Learning Academy at the Century school. A fiber optic joint powers agreement has been approved with the City of Lakeville.

Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce Update – Todd Bornhauser

The chamber luncheon on June 20th will be held at Crystal Golf Club and will feature a legislative wrap-up by local legislators. A Business After Hours will be held June 21st at the Horse & Hunt Club. A ribbon cutting/open house will be held at Lifetime Fitness Center on June 22nd. New member orientation will be held on June 26 and Twins Night on June 27th. Pan-O-Prog celebration begins on June 30th. The move to the new chamber office is expected to take place sometime after the July 4th holiday.

News from Downtown Businesses

Tracy Hummelgard informed the membership that she has been busy putting out fires after people having read the news release about businesses leaving the Enggren's building. Her message to people has been "all moving forward at a very good pace – stay informed – good things coming." Tracy is marking changes to her café and is planning to extend her hours. By the next DLBA meeting she should have more to report.

Mark Hotzler provided a redevelopment update on the former Enggren's Mall. The insurance company is moving out; bathrooms are being remodeled; the Hockey Development Center is expanding and there will be dumpsters located outside of the building. Mark has purchased an additional lot and a house to double his parking lot at the Lakeville Mall. Members mentioned their concerns with lack of parking and it was acknowledged that parking in the downtown area would always be a problem. Adam Kienberger stated that parking is a major concern of the city council as well. Mark stated that there will be visible changes within six months – they are experiencing growing pains but are looking to the future with lots of good things happening. Installation of the lighting is taking place at The Loft Bridal Shop and the carpeting and tile should be in place within a week. The business should be ready to open by June 30th

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New from Downtown Businesses (cont'd)

A question was raised whether vendors contracted for the Pan-O-Prog event would be located on main street. The response was that they do not plan to have any vendors located on Holyoke and if that should change for any reason, the chair of the Crafts Committee will contact the businesses.

Judy Barger reported that her salon is being remodeled and the business will closed from July 1 through July 10.

Nancy P. Smith informed the membership that their dental office will be providing specials on “whiten/brighten” over the summer months and provided coupons to members

Wendy Wulff, webmaster for the DLBA, reminded members of the great advertising and promotional opportunities by using the DLBA web site. She suggested that businesses provide their information to Judy who will forward to Wendy for placement on the web.

There were discussions regarding advertising by downtown businesses and potential coordination with the Hockey Development Center. Larry Werner reported that there were opportunities for group advertising in the Star Tribune South Edition and Lori Lieske is the representative. Businesses also have options to advertise in the Chamber’s group circulars. Judy Tschumper reported that a 24-pamphlet literature rack is being ordered to allow downtown businesses to promote their firms. The rack will be placed in the corridor outside the Hockey Development Center.

Other Business

Judy T. reported that the St. Paul Farmers’ Market begins on Wednesday, June 20th from noon to 5:00 p.m. Members were asked to volunteer for the first Wednesdays on Main event on June 27th that will feature the Trinity Evangelical Free Church Americana A Capella singing group. One-hour schedules begin at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are also needed for the Battle of the Bands being co-sponsored by the Lakeville Teen Corporation and the DLBA during the Pan-O-Prog celebration. The date is Thursday, July 6th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

THE JULY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 16TH, 6:00 P.M. AT MAINSTREET COFFEE CAFÉ, UPPER LEVEL.