

Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission
Board of Commission Meeting
7:00PM, November 6, 2008
Quarry Oaks Golf Course – Club House
16600 Quarry Oaks Drive,
Ashland, NE.

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Commissioner Attending: Paul Cook, Tom DeLong, Tim Gilligan, Rich Jansen, Marsha Babcock, John Plucknett, Chuck Sigerson, Phil Mullin, Bernie Heier, Brad Stauffer, Ken Svoboda, Brenda Gunn.

Kathy McKillip – NIZC Director, Richard Baier –NDED.

Members Excused: Mary Ann Borgeson, David Potter, Kyle Hutchings, Pete Kotsiopulos, Dr. Jack Huck, Marlin Petermann, Jeff Weak, Ernie Abariotes, and Mark Stursma.

Visitors: Kevin Anderson, Tim Weander, Jerry Maxwell, James Krance.

NIZC Chair Brenda Gunn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Kathy McKillip, NIZC Executive Director, then took the Commission roll call at 7:08PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Gunn asked for approval of the agenda as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Sigerson and 2nd by Commissioner Gilligan, to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion approved 12- 0.*

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gunn asked for approval of the 10/02/08 NIZC minutes as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Delong and 2nd by Commissioner Babcock to approve the minutes as corrected and distributed. Motion approved by consent.*

Public Comment Period

Public Comment Period opened at 7:10pm.

Seeing no one interested in speaking at that time, Chair Gunn asked for a motion to close the public comment period. *Motion made by Commissioner Gilligan and 2nd by Commission Delong to close the public comment period. Motion approved by consent.*

Public Comment period closed at 7:15pm

Executive Director Report

If there are additional correspondences that McKillip needs to be aware of and add to the list please let her know. Hard copies in the mail have been eliminated to only those specifically requesting them.

Remember, if you are a guest, please sign in and provide contact information so that the Commission can keep you updated and informed.

Between Sept. 26, 2008 and November 24th, 2008 there will be 26 presentations made to local government entities and organizations regarding the Phase I study, and updates regarding the Commission. To date, 195 Phase I study reports have been distributed along with CD versions. Plans are underway to try and coordinate representation from the K-10 Association to attend the NIZC Feb. 2009 monthly meeting in association with other groups such as the area Chamber of Commerce and district zoning and planning administrators. There is NO December NIZC meeting and not an NIZC meeting on Jan. 1, 2009 due to the Holiday.

Motion made by Commissioner Jansen, and 2nd by Commissioner Plucknett to hold the January NIZC meeting after the Senators Luncheon on January 8th, 2009 at 2:00pm. Motion approved by consent.

The next monthly NIZC meeting will be held after the NIZC Senators Luncheon on Jan. 8th, 2009, at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) conference room, State Office Building, Lincoln.

Commission Discussion

The Commission began discussion about the public presentation made at the local jurisdictions within the past 6 weeks. Commissioner Gilligan expressed appreciation for the Planners focus groups that were held at Mahoney State Park in preparation for the recommendations for the design standards component. Commissioner Jansen expressed support and thanks for the presentation made by Ms. McKillip at the Sarpy County Board work session. Commissioner Plucknett also supported those comments with additional thoughts that the presentations made by Ms. McKillip were helpful, very useful and well done for the Cass County Board. Additional support and thanks were expressed regarding the success of the presentations region wide.

General comments supporting the Planners and Zoning Administrators focus groups were that, they were helpful, they did build consensus, there was active dialogue and engagement from several local jurisdictions and that they accomplished a lot in a short period of time. In the end, it was a good process to use. Recommendations from the focus groups included items from the following list to explore and incorporate into design standards and guidelines:

Right-of-way standards

Landscape design standards

Signage standards

Water shed management

Land Banking

I-80 corridor boundaries
Developmental and architectural guidelines
Green development
Redevelopment support and guidelines
Prohibited and restricted uses

In general the Commission discussed the above mentioned and ask that Ms. McKillip take the recommendations and incorporate them into a Request For Proposals (RFP) , to begin the next phase. Upon the development of the RFP, the NIZC executive members will meet with staff of NDED by December 16th, 2008, to review all RFP bids submitted and subjected through a ranking system, selecting and then making the recommendation to the Commission. Commissioners not on the NIZC executive committee are encouraged to discuss thoughts with those on the executive committee prior to selection, for input into the groups meeting. After consultant selection, all Commissioners will receive the selected consultant's proposal for their files. The bid for this phase is not to exceed \$50,000.

Motion by Commissioner Sigerson and 2nd by Commissioner Jansen to proceed with the recommendations from the planners and zoning administrators focus groups to be incorporated into an RFP for bids and to follow through per the groups' discussion. Motion approved 12-0.

Closing Comments

NIZC Commission Chair, Brenda Gunn, took the opportunity to thank Commissioner Cook for his service to the Commission. Commission Cook's term will expire at the end of 2008. Sarpy County Board is in charge of appointing the new representative to the Commission.

At this time, seeing that there was no other Commission business. ***Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Jansen 2nd by Commissioner Stauffer. Motion approved by consent.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy McKillip
Executive Director - NIZC