

VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS FUND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 2008
REGULAR MEETING
Noon * Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Becker.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Board Members Gil Frontella, Michael Langhorne, Trent Pierson, Helen Rogers, Matt Sturgeon, John Savage, Jim Voorheis, and Chairperson Scott Becker.

OTHERS PRESENT: Charlotte Squires, Planning Technician.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2008 MINUTES

Mr. Frontella moved to approve the Minutes; seconded by Mr. Langhorne. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Becker thanked Ms. Rogers for her work on the benches that will be placed downtown.

VIF 2009 BUDGET

Mr. Becker stated that he attended a budget meeting with City Council to review the proposed budget. The Board's charge is to be consistent with handling budget expenditures, advise but not run projects, and select projects for funding and have them move forward. The VIF has already helped fund the Farmer's Market, and is working with the DDA on trash receptacles and benches for the city. Ms. Rogers suggested that perhaps a part-time event coordinator could be hired to manage VIF-sponsored projects. Mr. Savage reiterated that the Board is for advisement, not project management. Mr. Sturgeon stated that there needs to be a mechanism whereby the Board carries out projects as well as solicits interested citizens/groups input on how lodging tax dollars are utilized.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A discussion of the Gateway Plan ensued. Mr. Sturgeon will review the Plan in detail at the December meeting. It was suggested that the Gateway Plan include the boat ramp and pedestrian trail. Mr. Sturgeon will also discuss the possibility of hiring a three-person team to clean-up the city with Parks Director Tom Whitmore. This team could also do landscaping and work on other projects. At the December meeting, the following items will also be discussed: garnering citizen input on future projects; bids on benches; new Library; hospital's need for a water fountain in their Healing Garden.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by
Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

Scott Becker, Chair