

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

October 13, 2005

7:30 p.m.

Members Present – Betty Nelson, Lloyd Rohr, Rick Martin, Brad Howe, Becky Anderson, Ken Branch, Bill Taylor and John Magnuson

Absent – Gary Shogren

Others – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Paul Gentine, Annette Duncan, Fred Abercrombie, Lou Davis, Susan Whitfield-Lundgren, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Bob Scott, John Van Der Wege, Helen Weaver, Maurice Bastian, Margaret Nelson, Marsha Rolander, Richard Kurtz, Jeff Kurtz, Linda Branch, Krishan Bhatnagar, Sally & Paul Train, Kathy Hackelman

The Public Hearing was declared open at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Magnuson explained that public input would be limited to 3 minutes per speaker and those who wished to speak should give their names. Additionally, the topic must remain on the consideration of support for the Transportation Enhancement Grant Application.

Helen Weaver – Thinks it's a great idea. It's essential for the building to be brought up to code so that it could be sold. It is a considerable expense to get the building structurally safe and the grant is a good way to fund the project.

John Van Der Wege – He is concerned that the city has already paid \$250,000 for the building and now more taxpayer dollars will be spent. Looks like the mess of pouring money down a rat hole. *It was noted that money spent on this project came from the electric fund, not tax dollars.

Rick Martin – The building is in really sorry shape. The city didn't buy the building to make money.

Becky Anderson – The building has tremendous historical significance to the community.

Brad Howe – Happy to have a plan after two years. Thanks to Annette Duncan and Fred Abercrombie.

Linda Branch – Owns the Courtyard Gallery. She stated that the help of outside funding made it possible to renovate that building. She is all in favor of supporting the application to help keep the cornerstone of our downtown.

Krishan Bhatnagar – He is ok with the plan as long as it doesn't involve our tax dollars.

Question: If we don't receive the grant, then what? We would be back to where we are right now.

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Bob Scott – Why can't the building be torn down?

Margaret Nelson – She stated that she has personal history in the building. She and her husband had a business there from 1946 to 1987.

Helen Weaver – This is a financial investment that will put the building on the road to being a very viable place. It's also nice that we are learning more about our history in the process.

Comment: The funding is available and it will go to some city/project, so why shouldn't we try to bring that money to Lindsborg?

John Van Der Wege – Buildings of the era of the Sundstrom building were built with soft sand brick and that makes a big difference between the Sundstrom building and where the Courtyard Gallery is.

Lloyd Rohr – Face it, we don't have a crystal ball to tell us what the future brings. We can only do what we think is best.

Mayor Magnuson declared the public hearing closed.

Special Meeting Agenda Item; RESOLUTION 05-05 IN SUPPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SUNDSTROM BUILDING – Betty Nelson moved to adopt Resolution 05-05. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjournment – Lloyd Rohr moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling

City Clerk