

B.U.I.L.D. Minutes
September 9, 2008

Thought for the day:

“One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks”
- **Jack Penn**

Members and guests present: Terri Scholting, Dee Arias, John Plucknett, Andy Mixan, John Harrington, Gabriel Kerlik, Mike Krambeck, Rhonda Anderson, Allison Gifford, Kathy Copple, Rick Setchell, Mandi Chubb, Gary Nashleanas, & Michelle Hay.

President Terri Scholting presided over the meeting. The minutes from the August 5th, 2008 meeting were read by the group. John Plucknett made a motion to accept the minutes (Dee Arias second); it was unanimously approved.

Spotlight Business of the Month – None

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer John Plucknett

The BUILD account balance is currently \$9,038.00. We have received money from the fireworks stand but have to still pay the Junior Parents Organization for their assistance. We still have a \$1,700 grant coming in from Cass County tourism. Other than that, all bills are paid.

Special topic: Holiday Lights Bid

BUILD has currently received two bids for the Main Street Holiday lights project. The bids are listed below:

Brite Ideas:	\$20,094.60
Unlimited Visions, LLC:	\$23,664.18

In all, there are 32 businesses that are included in the bids/project. There was some uncertainty as to what the Brite Ideas bid included, so the group decided to go with Unlimited Visions, LLC’s bid. Through fundraising efforts, BUILD is in a position to donate \$6,600 to this project. There is also the possibility of receiving grant money from the City of Louisville to help further subsidize the individual cost of for the businesspeople included in this project.

John Plucknett made a motion request 50% of the total bid from the City of Louisville grant money at its Wednesday, September 10th council meeting. John Harrington seconded this motion. The motion passed with no objections.

We will report the outcome of the council meeting and project at next month’s meeting.

Old Business:

- Special meeting: New Statement/Re-uniting BUILD & Community –

A survey was sent out in the Saturday Omaha World Herald to try and gauge interest in BUILD within the community and begin new recruiting efforts for members that are not only businesspeople. A special thanks to Sheri Warner for distributing the surveys and Home State Bank for funding the prizes for this effort.

- New committee/chairs –

Over the past few years, BUILD has evolved and has become much more involved in the community and local events. Because of this, we need to reach out to local citizens, not just business owners. BUILD will now be soliciting leaders of existing community groups and organizations to help get interest in BUILD and our events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome/Membership Committee: Ronda Anderson (chair)

Two welcome packets were delivered this month.

Events Committee: Committee Chairs TBD per event Last Hot Sunday in July – Nancy McManis & Dee Arias Ringin In The Season – Mandy Chubb

- Mandy will be holding a meeting later this month to try and gather some new ideas for this event.

Economic Development Committee: John Plucknett (chair)

Our very own John Harrington recently made an appearance in the Omaha World Herald in regards to Louisville's Free WI-FI on Main Street.

There have been a few business relocations on Main Street recently. Envy Salon & Wirebuilt have moved to new buildings.

John Yochum was recently hired as the Executive Director for the Cass County Economic Development Council.

10/23/08 is the NE Department of Roads annual meeting.

Presentation Committee: Kathy Copple (chair)

Covered in Holiday Lights discussion

Marketing Committee: Nancy McManis (chair)

The grant for Ringin in the Season has been approved .

Fundraising: Jared Plucknett (chair)

No report.

New Business:

- Local Business Buy In -

Tabled until next month

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 7th, 2008 at the Assisted Living Facility.