

Menno Area Development Corporation  
October 17, 2017

November's Reason to "Shop at Home": You'll raise your property values. Lively, vibrant neighborhood shopping streets are considered an advantage when selling a home. They make your property more valuable.

The Menno Area Development Corporation met for its regular monthly meeting October 17, 2017, at the Schnitz with the following present: Bill Headley, Judy Headley, Arlene Bertsch, Brent Haberman, Teresa Anderson, Rita Bierle, Brenda Schulte, Brendon Hansen, Marsha Schelske, Ann Rames, Henry Bender, Shannon Herrboldt, Jerome Hoff and Lisa Edelman.

President Haberman called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Hoff moved to approve the agenda with the addition of walking path to the new business. Bertsch seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting. Hansen seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Bender moved to approve the finance report. J. Headley seconded the motion. All votes aye.

SEFP REPORT: Schulte went over her monthly report with the group. She worked with 8 clients this month and has 3 business plans in various stages.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Vendor Blender: The event will be November 4, 2017. Advertising has been sent to several newspapers and put on Facebook. Workers are still needed to help that day for directing vendors and cleanup. Anderson asked about having a door prize to get a better idea of where the shoppers are coming from. J. Headley moved to offer two \$25 Menno money certificates as door prizes. Bierle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

OLD BUSINESS: Townhouse update: They are waiting for the footings to be poured to get the project started.

Welcome packet: A letter will be sent out to all businesses to find out what information they want included in the packet. The information will be compiled and presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 5 year plan: Haberman asked the group to come up with some goals for the next 5 years and bring them to the next meeting to be discussed. He would like to have some direction for the group for future projects.

Hwy 18 lot: Haberman informed the group that 2 people have approached him about purchasing the lot along Hwy 18. It was discussed that the apartments could be built in Sunrise Acres. Haberman said if a business was to purchase the lot that a covenant would be needed to have a fence between the residential lots and the business.

Walking path: Schulte said there is a grant available through the South Dakota Land & Water Conservation Fund to help pay for up to 50% of a project of this type. The application would need to be run through the City and an easement would need to be in place since the path would not be on City property. District III would be able to help write the grant. The deadline for submission of the grant documents is December 8. Haberman will contact Mickey Harris to get the information that was gathered for the previous grant.

The next meeting will be November 21, 2017 at 12:00 noon at the Beer Garden.

Schelske moved to adjourn at 12:47 p.m. Anderson seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Edelman, Secretary