

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 8, 1999

Present

G. Daley, chair
R. Santangelo
S. Shapiro

Absent

J. Vinci
S. Gionfriddo

Also Present

W. Warner, Staff
R. Kearney, EDS

G. Daley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 208 of the Municipal Building.

The Committee approved the minutes of the December 14, 1998 meeting.

Old Business:

R. Kearney summarized his background and what he has been working on the past month. He reviewed the meetings and the businesses he has worked with. Discussion ensued.

On the Northend Industrial area, W. Warner commented on Red Wing and the feasibility of the project. The Committee feels the package store should be resold to McCormick. B. Santangelo disagreed with keeping the package store and feels there will be a slow progress of development. Judkins is okay if McCormick released the city from any obligations. S. Shapiro moved to look into eminent domain. G. Daley questioned other options to protect the other.

New Business:

W. Warner explained the "Welcome" sign. G. Daley commented on the purpose of the sign. B. Santangelo commented in support and the appropriateness of the location. S. Shapiro agreed with the need to be equal to all and sensitive to all ethnic backgrounds. G. Daley feels we should look further into the project to insure the sign is done appropriately. B. Santangelo will look into renaming "Columbus Plaza" to "Mellili Plaza" to the Public Works Department. A motion by B. Santangelo seconded by G. Daley to approve a resolution to the Common Council to appropriate \$2,507 from the Economic Development Fund for environmental consultants on Bacon Brothers passed unanimously.

W. Warner explained the Brickyard Industrial Park. The Committee expressed interest and encouraged continued discussion.

Status Reports

A motion by S. Shapiro seconded by B. Santangelo to take the Champs USA property on Saybrook Road passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

William Warner, Director of Planning, Conservation and Development