HASTINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

April 12, 2012, 6:00 pm. Hastings City Hall Volunteer Room

- I. Quorum
- II. Minutes March 8, 2012 meeting
- III. Bills
- IV. Business
 - A. Consider Payment to Separate Hard Wired Alarm Systems
- V. Reports and Information
 - A. Go Kids Day Marketing Update
 - B. Marketing Plan
 - C. Hudson Redevelopment
- VI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 10, 2012

HEDRA AGENDA NOTES FOR APRIL 12, 2012

MINUTES

Please see attached HEDRA Meeting minutes from the March 8, 2012 regular meeting for your review and approval.

BILLS

March Bills

Dakota County	\$41,683.62	Property Taxes – Hudson & 21xx Vermillion St
Alarm Express	\$5,549.45*	Hard Wire Farm Alarm Installation
Centerpoint Energy	\$5,009.53	Hudson – Gas & Heat
Xcel Energy	\$2,521.51	Hudson - Electricity
Ehlers & Associates	\$536.25	Hudson – Feasibility Analysis

*Reimbursable Expense Please see attached general ledger detail for further information.

BUSINESS

A. Consider Payment to Separate Hard Wired Alarm Systems

Pam Holzem owner of 114 and 116 East 2nd Street seeks assistance to separate the recently installed hard wired alarm system that is currently shared between the two buildings (please see attached letter). The cost to separate the systems is estimated at \$2,909.06. Most of the systems have been installed, with installation costs matching the bid estimate. It does not appear that allocated funding would be available to satisfy Ms. Holzem's request; funds would need to be transferred from elsewhere.

Hard wired alarm systems are required in mixed occupancy buildings (residential and commercial). 30 buildings in the City require systems to be installed. The City and HEDRA provided funding to pay the full cost of system installation plus three years of monitoring. In order to eliminate property owner installation cost, shared systems were established in ten buildings; without this combination, funding would not have been available to pay the full expense, resulting in out of pocket installation cost to property owners.

The request was discussed at the March 8th HEDRA Meeting. Commissioners directed staff to contact the owners of similar properties to determine if they preferred to have the systems separated. A final tabulation of split requests will be presented at the meeting. Buildings with shared systems include the following:

- 110-112 East 2nd Street Blankenship
- 117-116 East 2nd Street Holzem

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- 120-122 East 2nd Street Peterson
- 214-216 East 2nd Street Craft & Jung
- 209-211 East 2nd Street Behrens

The request could be funded through a transfer from one of the following accounts:

Account	Current Balance
HRA Fund Balance	\$593,000
Commercial Loan	\$40,000

REPORTS

A. Go Kids Day Network Presentation

Following the March 8th HEDRA meeting staff met with GoKidsDay.com founder, Bill Veeneman and Gahnz Furniture Store Owner, Cheryl Wagner to see how HEDRA can support their marketing effort and work with them. One way that was determined was to invite members of the business community that were originally part of our marketing small group focus group to come to a meeting at City Hall where Mr. Veeneman and Ms. Wagner will be available to present the GoKidsDay shop local campaign and answer questions about how the program works. This meeting will be set towards the end of April. More information pertaining to the meeting once they become available.

B. Marketing Plan

Staff continues to work on various parts of the marketing plan. First of which is revising the layout of the Economic Development website to make information easier to find as well as updating the content where needed. Also as a part of this effort staff is creating case study marketing sheet, the first of which are attached at the back of this packet. These case studies focus on eight of HEDRA's more prominent projects and how the project utilized different services or programs HEDRA has to offer.

Please see the attached Case Studies for further information.

C. Hudson Redevelopment

Dakota CDA has awarded an \$110,000 redevelopment grant and \$2,500 marketing grant for the Hudson Redevelopment Site. HEDRA has now secured \$250,000 in grant funds towards the demolition of the 1974 Hudson addition. Based on our demolition estimate, we now have funds in place to fully pay for the demolition.

ATTACHMENTS

- HEDRA Minutes March 8, 2012
- General Ledger Detail March, 2012
- Marketing Case Studies

Hastings EDRA Hastings Economic Development and Redevelopment Authority 6:00 pm Hastings City Hall

Minutes of March 8, 2012

HEDRA Commissioners Present: Pam Holzem, Ron Toppin, Danna Elling Schultz, Kurt Keena, and Tony Alongi

HEDRA Commissioners Absent: HEDRA President Dennis Peine & Mike Kelley

Staff Present: Community Development Director John Hinzman and Community Relation Specialist Shannon Rausch.

Others Present: Cheryl Wagner, Gahnz Furniture, and Bill Veeneman GoKidsDay.com Marketing.

I. QUORUM:

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order, by Vice President Holzem at 6:00pm with five members present.

II. MINUTES

Commissioner Keena motioned to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2012 meeting, Commissioner Elling Schultz seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0

III. BILLS

Commissioner Toppin motioned to pay the bills, Commissioner Keena seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0

IV. BUSINESS

A. Hudson Redevelopment Demolition of the 1974 addition

1. Order Public Hearing

The Commission discussed plans for scheduling a Public Meeting. After a brief discussion the Commission decided to wait until sometime in late May or early June, once the completed RAP is available. The Commission felt that this Public Meeting could be used to share information about not only the demolition of the 1974 addition, but also as an opportunity to hear ideas from the public on the redevelopment of the site. The Commission will set the actual date for the Public Meeting at a future meeting.

2. Authorize Preparation of Plans and Specifications

Commissioner Toppin motioned, Commissioner Keena seconded the motion to direct staff to prepare plans and specifications for the demolition or removal of the 1974 building.

Motion approved 5-0

B. Consider Residential Rehabilitation Loan: 706 Vermillion St. - Mark Borchardt

Commissioner Elling Schultz motioned to approve the \$20,000 for rehabilitation, Commissioner Toppin seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0

V. REPORTS & INFORMATION

A. GoKidsDay.com – Marketing Presentation

Cheryl Wagner, from Gahnz Furniture introduced Bill Veeneman of GoKidsDay.com and how she is planning to work with Mr. Veeneman and other local small businesses in Hastings to develop a "shop local" campaign. Mr. Veeneman then gave a 25 minute presentation explaining his shop local marketing program to the Commission. Commissioners expressed their supportive for the GoKidsDay.com Marketing Program. Such a marketing program fits well with the desires of Commission and the marketing focus group to emphasize shopping locally.

The Commission directed Staff to work with GoKidsDay.com to determine how the two organizations can work together best.

* Commissioner Alongi excused himself from the meeting at 6:50pm.

B. HEDRA Workshop Recap

Commissioner Elling Schultz stated it was a good meeting and there was good comprehensive conversation. There was discussion raised regarding how to navigate 2012 into 2013.

C. Marketing Plan

Staff, seeking verification on activities laid out in the Marketing Plan, was directed by the Commission to focus on two types of businesses which are currently missing from the City's current business make-up.

- 1. Industrial/manufacturing type jobs,
 - Perhaps an outdoor/recreational manufacturer (kayaks, canoes, bikes, fly fishing, etc.) would find Hastings Industrial Park appealing with the land incentives, plus nearby natural resources for testing their products.)
- 2. Commercial/Semi Professional businesses
 - a. Nongovernmental

Staff also discussed a few of the top development locations. These included;

- 1. Downtown/Hudson Redevelopment site with its ties to the new bridge
- 2. Industrial Park
- 3. Midtown District (where there are currently several vacant properties)

4. The property that HEDRA owns in the 2200 block of Vermillion.

The next step for staff is to confer with DEED to seek further advice on prioritizing of economic development opportunity in Hastings.

D. Hudson Redevelopment

Hinzman reported on a meeting He and City Administrator Dave Osberg, and Park and Recreation Director Barry Bernstein had with the National Park Services (NPS) to see if they have any interest in being a part of the Hudson redevelopment project. The NPS indicated that they are interested, but will have to wait and see how it all comes together and how their financials work with the possibilities.

E. Community Development Annual Report

Hinzman provided a presentation on the 2011 Community Development Annual Report.

F. Discuss Payment to Separate Hard Wired Alarm System: 114-116 East 2nd Street – Pam Holzem

Vice President Holzem removed herself from discussion, citing her ownership of the property to be discussed. Commissioner Keena nominated Commissioner Toppin as "Acting President" for the discussion, and Commissioner Elling Schultz seconded the motion.

The Commission directed staff to check with other projects with similar situations to see if any of them have an interest in separate their fire alarm systems. The Commission also asked that staff determine where funds would come from for HEDRA to pay for the additional work necessary to separate the systems.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Elling Schultz motioned to adjourn at 7:20 pm Commissioner Keena seconded that motion.

Motion approved 4 - 0

Next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2012 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

Shannon M. Rausch, HEDRA Secretary

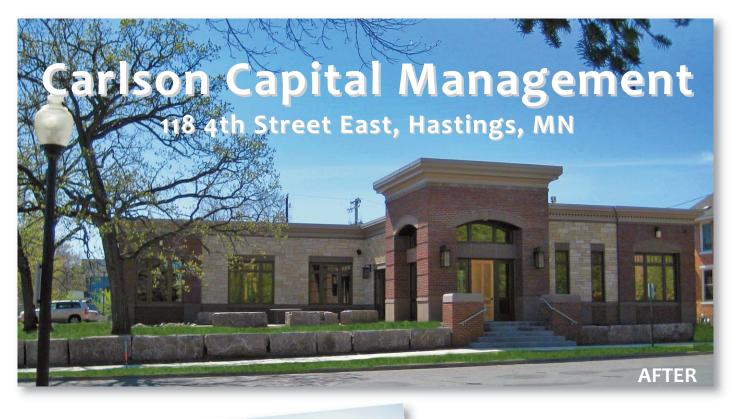
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Carlson Capital Management, a comprehensive wealth management firm with more than \$900 million in assets outgrew existing office space north of Hastings.

The Hastings Economic Development and Redevelopment Authority (HEDRA) assisted Carlson on their office needs. HEDRA proposed sale of an existing 0.4 acre redevelopment site in Downtown Hastings for one dollar.

Located at 118 East 4th Street, the site was valued at over \$140,000. In exchange Carlson constructed a 3,800 square foot building valued at over \$330,000.

Opening in 2011, the showplace brick and stone building is an architectural gem. The Carlson building complements adjacent historic structures and incorporates a grove of mature oak trees into the site.



BEFORE







H.D. Hudson Manufacturing has produced agricultural sprayers in downtown Hastings since 1909. Over the last century the Hastings facility grew to over 167,000 square feet on four acres of property.

Located on the Mississippi riverfront, a portion of Hudson's property was needed as part of the new TH 61 Bridge. Over half an acre of land and nearly 40,000 s.f. of warehouse would be eliminated. The acquisition required Hudson to modify its operations. Options included rebuilding on the existing site, operating a secondary off site warehouse during the construction, relocating the entire facility out of the state, or relocate or rebuild elsewhere in Hastings.

The Hastings Economic Development and Redevelopment Authority (HEDRA) worked with Hudson to facilitate a move that would keep them in Hastings. HEDRA worked with the owner of a vacant industrial building within the City and employed the services of an industrial engineering firm to assess viability of the site for Hudson's needs.

The vacant building proved to be a good fit for Hudson. To facilitate future expansion, HEDRA and the City of Hastings waived all development fees for a period of two years on Hudson's new facility.

In 2010 Hudson relocated its operations in Hastings. HEDRA purchased the Hudson building in 2010 and is examining reuse concepts for the site.

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Linn Companies owns a gas station at the corner of Highway 61 and 15th Street. Directly across the street a small gas station lay vacant for over ten years. Linn Companies sought to develop the property but the demolition and site preparation costs were substantial.

The Hastings Economic Development and Redevelopment Authority (HEDRA) established a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to assist with redevelopment. TIF calculates the increment between the current and projected developed value of the property. A portion of the increment is made available upfront to assist in property development. HEDRA issued a\$245,000 TIF note to assist with the cleanup and site preparation costs.

Issuance of the TIF note allowed Linn Companies to construct a NAPA auto parts store on the site. The new 8,500 square foot building replaced a community eyesore and increased the vitality of the commercial corridor.



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