

Olmsted Joint Economic Development District

Approved Minutes – September 6, 2006

The JEDD meeting was called to order in Olmsted Falls City Hall Council Chambers at 5:37 p.m. Present were Chuck Ingrassia, Martin Strelau, Joe Clarke, Garry Thompson, Pat Kost, and Transcriber, Bobbi Frizzelle. No audience.

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 6 (a) Further Discussion - Fogg was a proposed addition to the agenda. Mr. Clarke moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Strelau seconded. Poll: 3 Aye. 0 Nay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the minutes of July 12, 2006 was postponed until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Further Discussion – Fogg and OJRS Application

Ms. Kost gave a brief recap of the DOPWIC meeting pertaining to the applications for the Ohio Jobs Ready Site grants. There were seven applicants – five responded. Several points about the scoring were brought up at this meeting; some could not be answered. Matrix Centennial received 15 points; Strongsville received 25 points. Matrix's score was amended as they received an additional 10 points for having a tech office in their plan (total of 25 points). There was no answer to how a "tech office" and a "green office" differed. There was no opportunity to question the scoring at this meeting; Kost feels that some of our low ratings should be questioned. \$260 million in grants were applied for.

On October 16 and 17 there is an opportunity to present additional information and defend our scoring. Ms. Kost feels it would be beneficial for her to analyze the scoring system and talk about how our site fits in with what the State's goal is in this program. Ms. Kost had the opinion that some of the projects presented did not fit the scope of what the State is trying to do. She believes that we should give a presentation and lobby for our site. Mr. Clarke felt that a strong presentation explaining how we feel we have met the State's objective for the OJRS, a comment regarding not understanding the scoring, and a strong pitch for our site would be more productive than "arguing" against the way the numerical scoring was awarded. Mr. Ingrassia agreed that it was important to show the State's objective and how our proposal applies. Our current ranking is mid-range.

Ms. Kost and the Fogg group remain optimistic. Kost feels that the Fogg representatives would do a good job in presenting and lobbying. Mr. Strelau was concerned about how the cost of working with PATCO would be looked upon by constituents now that Fogg is

involved. Ms. Kost said that Fogg has done an enormous amount of work on this project. She added that Fogg could go alone to make the presentation and let the chips fall where they may. Kost felt that we have the application and we should keep it flying. Mr. Ingrassia noted that if we have to apply again, at least there should be a more definitive method of how to handle the scoring. Mr. Strelau agreed with Ms. Kost that the State might look at some of the projects and agree that they don't apply to this program. He felt a better decision about how to proceed could be made if we knew what happens at the State level and how much review time these applications would warrant. Ms. Kost felt that we need to make the presentation. The grant decision is due November 1. Mr. Clarke agreed with Mr. Strelau about needing more information to properly decide how to proceed, namely how do we get more information about the process and could we get a meeting with the proper people. Mr. Strelau felt that we need to know what the scoring mechanism is, who the competition is, and what our chances are. A local contact will be called to try to obtain a better understanding of the State procedure and County involvement.

Other Business

Mr. Thompson announced that a JEDD Board meeting must be held on or about November 1, 2006 including a review of what happened this year. Mr. Ingrassia felt that this had been scheduled. Mr. Thompson will review the term limits of the members. Mr. Ingrassia will reconfirm the date of the annual meeting and notify everyone.

Mr. Strelau noted that there has been a public records request from a Township resident who works for the First North Corp. Since this is the first request of this type, Mr. Strelau discussed this with the attorney who told him to proceed. The information was sent C.O.D.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Thompson presented a report showing \$60,169.87 as of yesterday, with two checks written September 5, 2006, leaving a balance of \$53,780.32. Receivables are due from the City of Olmsted Falls in the amount of \$18,000. Thompson has discussed this with the Mayor and the Finance Director. The JEDD finances are subject to auditing; Thompson will follow up. The auditor would probably request a book of minutes, also.

The status of the contract with PATCO Group was discussed. This will be reviewed further in the future.

Strelau moved to recess the regular meeting for the purpose of moving to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Clarke seconded. Poll: 3 Aye. 0 Nay.

Mr. Strelau moved to close the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Clarke seconded. Poll: 3 Aye. 0 Nay.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Strelau then moved to adjourn the JEDD meeting. Mr. Clarke seconded. Poll: 3 Aye. 0 Nay.

Chuck Ingrassia – Chairperson

Date

Bobbi Frizzelle – Transcriber