

MEDINA CANAL TASKFORCE
APRIL 5, 2010
MINUTES OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Hancock at 5:15 p.m. in the offices of the Medina Visitors Center. Present were: Jim Hancock, Kelly Kiebala, Craig Lacy, Hugh James, Georgia Thomas, and Cindy Robinson.

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Transportation Enhancement Grant was again discussed. Any action on this is temporarily on hold, as the Village ponders the match amount. In that it may be up to \$ 20,000 in local match required, the Village may not be able to do this in the upcoming budget. It was again pointed out that while the money is still available, we lose about 15 % per year in funding with no activity. It appears likely that no proposal will be forthcoming until next year.

Jim, Hugh and Kelly Kiebala reported on Canal Corp. Director Carmella Mantello's visit to Medina on March 25 to inspect the Crumbling Canal wall in the Canal Port. Also while she was here she dedicated the new Promenade that the Village's DPW installed last year. Director Mantello offered the following solution to the crumbling wall: because the Canal Corp. has little money to contract work, they will utilize Canal employees to fix the walk over the next 2 to 3 years. The Village will then re-attach the wooden docking to the new wall. Details are to follow.

Adam Miller Bikes and Toys-

Kelly reported that Andrew Meier has been in contact with John Roach and it appears as if they have come to some agreement. The Shirt Factory café will be the venue and they will receive some compensation for their labors.

Cycling the Canal-

Sunday, July 11th is date. Over 500 riders have registered to date. On March 3rd, we met with organizer Al Hastings and representatives of MCS. All appears to be on schedule. This year the school will receive some compensation for the use of the school. The food last year received a 93% approval rating. Hopefully, she will be on board for this year. The Medina Tourism Committee will add this event to their agenda and possibly supply some needed funds for the day. Georgia will check with Lake Effect Ice Cream to see if they would be willing to set up for the day.

Clean Sweep Weekend-

April 16-18; we will be holding ours on Sat. April 24th in conjunction with the Medina Lion's. This date is closer to the Earth Day Celebration.
The Adopt-A-Trail groups will be doing their sections on this date also.

Canal Heritage Days-

This will be held Sat. Aug. 7th with the tourism committee heading up. This year they will be re-organizing this event and are hopeful of forming alliances with other groups to help bring in more tourists to the area.

U. S. Boarder Patrol-

Jim H. reported that Mayor Adam has contacted the U. S. Boarder Patrol and that they have not responded. We don't expect a visit any time soon from the patrol.

New Business-

Canal Corp. Grant Opportunity-

Jim H. reported that he is applying for a 50% matching grant from the Canal Corp. this week. The maximum amount of the grant is \$2,500. He has plans to use the funds for a self-guided walking tour utilizing i-pod type devices or cell phones.

The Visitors Center-

Jim H. also reported that the Visitors Centers will again be staffed this year. Currently plans are for June 1st thru Sept. 2nd, 12-5 Mon. thru Fri. and 9-12 on Sat. It was mentioned that possibly he should check with the Senior Citizens Center for possible volunteers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Respectively Submitted:

Craig C. Lacy, Secy