

Upsala Community Development Commission
Regular Meeting, May 4, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Upsala Community Development Commission (UCDC) was held Monday, May 4, 2009 at City Hall, Upsala, Minnesota.

Present were: Mike Disher, Marlene Hovland, Marlys Juhnke, Robert Maciej, Mike Schultz, and newly appointed member, Mary Wielenberg. Absent: Beth Malisheske

Visitors: Nadine Drevlow

The meeting was called to order by Mike S at 6:04 pm.

The agenda was approved with five additions under new business.

Minutes from the April 6, 2009 UCDC meeting were reviewed. One change was made; Marlys had suggested the need for signs to direct visitors to the various event areas at Heritage days. Motion to approve amended minutes was made by Mike D, seconded by Marlys. MCU.

The treasurer's report showed no bills nor expenditures.

The Upsala Planning Commission minutes from April 1, 2009 were reviewed.

The Tri-County Regional Services Center Task Force did not meet in March.

The Upsala city's welcome signs were discussed. The city council, following our recommendation, has enlisted Froggy's Signs in Little Falls to do the three new signs at the cost of \$5,805. The city clerk notified the company. They will be paid for by Upsala City.

Further plans for the August Heritage Festival were discussed. Mike D wants to start work soon on the Upsala Cold Dish Contest. Other areas moving forward are: the 5K walk run, 10:30 parade, car show spearheaded by Community Covenant Church members, Boy Scouts selling food, FFA doing petting zoo and pedal pull, air-ride games, fire works and craft fair. The Upsala Ballpark Association is considering an event. Mike S will talk to Cindy Phillips about a possible dance event and about ordering a large banner. Mike D will work on directional signs for the events. The commission still needs suggestions for a parade grand marshall.

The Boy Scouts have done street cleanup on the north end of Upsala. Others are picking up other parts of the roadways in the city.

Nadine Drevlow, treasurer of the Upsala Area Community Center, presented a financial report on the center covering 2005-2009. She cautioned that planners of the new center should have a viable business plan before proceeding with construction plans.

Mike D explained the progress of the Mid-Com Coalition working in seven counties to improve high speed internet communications for government, medicine, education, and businesses. They are seeking government stimulus money and partners to share costs.

Upcoming conferences on alternative energy and small town issues were opened up for attendance by commissioners. Mike D will look into attending the Symposium on Small Towns. Free tickets are available from Upsala Motors through MN Public Radio.

Mary brought a form to fill out for advertising Upsala's events through the Explore Minnesota website and magazine. She filled in details for publishing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Submitted by Marlene Hovland, Sec/Tr

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.