

Harbor Area Regional Board of Resources
March 12, 2008 Draft Minutes
Harbor Springs City Hall

Attendance

PRESENT: Denise Simon, Jean Jardine, Al Dika, Bill Dohm, Michael Esposito, Bill Wiechmann, Bob Sandford, Joey Arbaugh, Greg Voelker, Tom Bailey, Justin Bassett, Dan Branson, Kathryn Breighner, Kathy Erber, Joan Fenton, Doug Fuller, Mary Ellen Hughes, Charlie MacInnis, Neal McCue, Paul Mooradian, Gene Reck.

ABSENT: Howard Wood, Nan Hogan, Dale Scott, Rich Rule, Diana Call, Dale LaBrie, Tom Shier, Margie FitzSimons, John Foster, Gail Gruenwald, Fred Hoffmann, Rob Fuhman, Ray Kiogima, Charles O'Neill, Maureen Nicholson, Tom Gallagher, Jim Bartlett, David Buzzelli, Jack Deegan, Rob Mossburg, Doug Tayler.

Also present: Danna Widmar, Executive Director, Preston McGregor, staff assistant, Carolyn Sandford, Judy Harvey

Denise Simon called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2007 were approved with a motion by Bill Dohm, seconded by Tom Bailey. **Motion carried.**

Financial Report

Michael Esposito presented the financial report for 2007 and the first two months of 2008. Receipts for 2007 were higher than budgeted. Fundraising in 2007 was successful. The budget for 2008 looks healthy.

Internet

The committee is gathering information and receiving data from providers. Danna and Gene Reck are taking part in the proposed Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative meetings.

Library

Carolyn Sandford and Judy Harvey presented information on a proposal to build a new library in Harbor Springs. A community forum will take place on May 8 to answer questions.

Ford Park Project

HARBOR Inc. is considering a remodel of the Ford Park building that would house our offices. Rob Mossburg is the unofficial chair of this committee. We are looking at a LEED certification for the building and it appears that we would qualify at the silver level. We will continue with architectural renderings and floor plans.

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Easements will be finalized in March with a public meeting March 25. Completed plans should be ready in mid May with a fall construction date.

Safe Routes to Schools

MSU has sent the survey results. We are awaiting some engineering questions regarding grade issues on Hoyt Rd.

Downtown Focus Group

Kathie Breighner is chairing the Downtown Focus Group, a committee of the chamber of commerce. The Focus Group is hoping to have a professional analysis completed of signage needs within the city to include information on flow patterns—cars, bikes, pedestrians. Signage could be helpful for those on the bike path or SR2S paths.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m.

Kathie Breighner, Secretary

Dated