

Downtown Economic Development Committee
June 25, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.
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Minutes

Present: Dan Husom/Buffalo Orthotics & Sole Comfort Shoes, Diane Veches/Renaissance West, Sally Custer/Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce, Rick Flaata/Coborn's, Marilyn Groth/Book Break, Merton Auger/City of Buffalo, Pat Szarke/Szarke Law Office, Ione Olson, and Maria/KRWC.
Guest: Donna Drobny/SHE & Duane/Canvasworks

► **City Survey** - Mert reported that the final McComb Group survey is completed and he should have a copy on Friday. Once Mert emails Sally a copy she will email the committee and post it on the Chamber website. He was pleased with the results. In other news, he said the City will be working on Division Street and Coborn's parking lot and that Bergstrom's is still being pursued for a restaurant.

► **Store Hours** - Sally read the letter the Chamber sent to 77 businesses in the downtown area asking store owners to consider staying open later during the week, especially on Thursday and Friday. Ivy Gate was her only response. They are now staying open until 7 pm on Thursday versus 5 pm. Sally will survey the businesses and bring the survey to the next meeting.

► **Additional Items** - Dan asked Mert if there was an ordinance regarding skate boarding. Mert said they are not allowed to go on the sidewalk. Dan has had several occasions that have concerned him. Mert suggested calling a community officer if it gets bad. After some discussion, Dan said he would try to talk to them first. Donna Drobny, a new business owner in town, shared her concerns about sign ordinances as well as her guest, Duane. Mert said that Central Avenue is not only regulated by the City, but also state since it is a state highway. He said he would have the building inspector contact them directly.

► **Next Meeting - July 23, 2008**

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Sally Custer.