

Downtown Economic Development Committee
December 10, 2008
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Minutes

Present: Sally Custer/Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce, Dale & Ione Olson, Marilyn Groth/Book Break, Merton Auger/City of Buffalo, Pat Szarke/Szarke Law Office, Toni Koch/Setterberg's, Joe Carlson/KRWC, Chris Fredrick/City of Buffalo, Dan Husom/Buffalo Orthotics & Sole Comfort Shoes, Paul & Cara Otto and Rainer Pensky

► **City Update** - Merton passed out CB Richard Ellis' third quarter newsletter regarding the market. He said the Christmas lights were now up. Several commented how nice they look on 1st St. NE (wide street). Mert voiced some concern regarding the lack of state funds. Rainer asked if the LGA cuts would affect HRA's ability to loan Coborn's money, Mert said no. Rainer has actively been seeking businesses (meat & bakery) to move to Buffalo. Still no word on Bergstrom's building.

► **Downtown Christmas Event** - Sally thought the three day event was a success. Toni would like to encourage businesses to remain open until 8 p.m. Ione said there was a small expo at Huikko's, Farmer's Market was set up in Renaissance West and vendors were set up in the old Craft Country location. Sally will add them to next year's calendar in an effort to contact them before the event so they can list them on the calendar.

► **Additional Items:** Chris passed out brochures on the transportation bus for local residents and asked if anyone needed some for their counters to contact him.

Next Meeting - January 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Sally Custer.