

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
ST. CHARLES CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
November 5, 2014**

Members Present: Chair English, Potts, Hauser and Pietryla

Members Absent: Vice Chair Schuetz, Dechene and Kane

City Staff Present: Matthew O'Rourke
Karla McCleary, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Robin Massey - Fydoland

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chair English at 7:55 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Hauser and seconded by Potts to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote: Unanimous; Nays: None; Members Absent: Vice Chair Schuetz, Dechene and Kane

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of minutes from October 1, 2014

A motion was made by Pietryla and seconded by Hauser to approve the October 1, 2014 minutes of the Corridor Improvement Commission

Voice Vote: Unanimous; Nays: None; Members Absent: Vice Chair Schuetz, Dechene and Kane

Motion Carried.

4. Discussion Items

A. 1317 E. Main Street - Fydoland

Chair English said he understands Massey's landscaper did not revise the original landscape plan but he did make some changes to the variety of plantings in a few locations. Massey said that is correct and the biggest change was instead of the evergreens they put in the same grasses that will be planted around the sign. Potts stated the evergreens would get browned out and salt spray is also a concern added O'Rourke.

Chair English asked if the following plantings will remain as originally planned:

<i>Spirea "Tor"</i>	Yes
<i>Annabelle Hydrangea</i>	Yes
<i>Daylily "Happy Returns"</i>	Yes
<i>Green Velvet Boxwood</i>	Replaced with grasses
<i>Summer Beauty Onion</i>	Yes
<i>Judd Viburnum</i>	Yes
<i>Prairie Dropseed</i>	Yes
<i>Arborvitae "Techny"</i>	Gone
<i>Karl Foerster Grass</i>	Yes – placing around sign – expanding use
<i>Calamint</i>	Yes

Chair English asked with the cost estimate was. O'Rourke said the estimate was \$3,335. O'Rourke asked Massey what the new cost is with the landscape changes that will be made. Massey said she did not have the cost with her but remembers it being around \$3,000. Massey added that they will be placing 24 inch boulders around the sign too. O'Rourke suggested recommending approval with a maximum limit of \$1,650. Chair English asked for a motion to approve a grant for Fydoland contingent upon changes discussed with the applicant.

A motion was made by Pietryla and seconded by Potts to approve a Corridor Improvement Grant for Fydoland at 1317 E. Main Street, not to exceed \$1,650 contingent upon revised plans as discussed with the applicant.

Voice Vote: Unanimous; Nays: None; Absent: Vice Chair Schuetz, Dechene and Kane

Motion Carried.

O'Rourke said he will need the revised plans by end of business on Friday, November 7, 2014. O'Rourke would like to present this at the Planning & Development Committee Meeting on Monday, November 10th and he would like Massey to be present at that meeting. O'Rourke explained that there will be an agreement that Massey will need to sign once the agreement is approved by City Council on November 17, 2014.

Hauser asked O'Rourke if she was correct in understanding that the funding amount left for all grants this fiscal year was \$1,700. O'Rourke said that was correct and the \$1,650 for Fydoland will come out of that remaining amount. O'Rourke stated he could ask for more money; however, that it may be best to ask for more money next budget year. In the meantime, we can get people interested in doing some landscaping next year. This year it was \$25,000.

O'Rourke said this is the first year, since his involvement with this commission, that all of the money has been spent.

5. Additional Business

Hauser stated there was a deadline to apply for these funds. O'Rourke explained the grant approval process is handled on a first-come-first-served basis. There is a June 2015 deadline regarding Sign Amortization.

Pietryla suggested discussing areas around the City that may be possibilities for future Corridor Improvement Grants. O'Rourke said they have done that in the past and that is something worth looking into again. Chair English said to plan at the next meeting to brainstorm possible areas to target for grants.

6. Announcement and Upcoming Meetings

Next CIC Meeting – December 3, 2014

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Pietryla and seconded by Hauser to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: Unanimous; Nays: None; Members Absent: Vice Chair Schuetz, Dechene and Kane.