

## **Harrington PDA**

Minutes for January 12, 2009

The Harrington PDA meeting was called to order on January 12, 2009 by President Wanda Buddrius. Those present were: Kim King, Odessa PDA, Cassandra Pfaffle-Dick, Peter Davenport, Bunny Haugan, Pam Kelly, Lincoln Co EDC, Patt Meyer and Wanda.

A motion by Peter Davenport and second by Patt Meyer approved the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Kim King from the Odessa PDA was present to talk with us about questions we had after talking with a State Auditor about the financial status of our PDA and a financial disclosure form. It appears we can ignore most of it since we have not had any financial activity. She talked about how Odessa formed their PDA and the status of their projects as well as the Fish Trap Project that they are involved in along with Sprague.

The airport idea is still active. The property owner (Bonnie Talkington) who owns the land, that the PDA is interested in using for an air strip, has been difficult to locate.

Wanda will try and contact her or a representative for her to see if she is interested in donating the land for an air strip.

Wanda talked with Betty Warmer and Suzanne Deking regarding Suzanne's building on Third Street that she has advertised for sale. Betty was kind of interested in the idea of opening a garden shop, but not right now. Suzanne is not sure at this time that she really wants to sell the building.

At this time, it was felt recycling was not an economically sound venture. The market has fallen for items to recycle.

It would be nice if AT&T were interested in a cell phone tower as they are the missing link in the cell phone reception.

Pam Kelly talked about Harrington, The Cultural Hub of the area as she shared information about the aspirations of the new owners of the hotel. Jerry & Karen Allen have purchased the hotel and are working with Linda Youman to get it listed on the State and National Historic Register. They envision commercial space, a couple condos, overnight accommodations, a B&B and an art gallery.

Pam suggested forming a Certified Local Government (CLG) which could work toward forming a historical district with a cultural venue and would be beneficial when applying for grants. She offered to contact the State about doing a workshop for us that would help us tap into more resources as well as guidance. A meeting with the Opera House, PDA and the Allen's could be helpful and determine what we could offer to do. It was felt if we all worked together it would pool all our resources toward one goal. Events at the Opera House could benefit from the lodging and meals at the hotel.

The PDA determined the Pumpkin Patch idea was great and we would market the garden idea, but the PDA could not take on the project as it is outside our PDA "job description".

Peter reported the swimming pool is open. Pam will put an article in her newsletter with pictures supplied by Peter.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2009.

Bunny Haugan, Secretary