

**July 16, 2013**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . . .**

This section is to highlight projects and events that do not require Council action but are necessary to keep you informed. Commission/Committee minutes will be contained in this section when they are available.

City Administrators Report

This will be included in the first Council Packet of each month.

Planning Commission Agenda Packet

EDA Agenda Packet

Public Works Commission Agenda

Cable Commission Agenda Packet

Library Board Agenda Packet

Interchange Project Articles

Lorentz Meats Grant Article

SEMLM Meeting Notice

Let me know if you would like to attend.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, July 8, 2013  
6:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Pidd, Price, Longtin, Hemmah, Duden, Charnell and Sjoblom.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
  - A. Conflict of Interest Disclosure reminder.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - A. June 10, 2013.
5. **PUBLIC INPUT:**
  - A. Citizens may speak to issues not on the agenda. Before speaking, please give your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to three minutes.
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
  - A. Variance and Amendment to Chapter 152 (Sign Regulations).
7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - A. Resolution No. 2013 – 6. Variance for 115 Fourth Street South.
  - B. Resolution No. 2013 – 7. Amendment to Sign Regulations.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS.**
9. **ADJOURN.**

Meeting Schedule

Next Regular City Council Meeting..... Tuesday, July 16, 2013.  
Next Regular P. C. Meeting..... Monday, August 12, 2013.

**Cannon Falls Planning Commission Meeting**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**June 10, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m.**

The Cannon Falls Planning Commission met Monday, June 10, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Chair Daniel Pidd and Commissioners David Price, Mark Longtin, Bruce Hemmah, Curt Duden, Colleen Charnell, and Jay Sjoblom. Also present were Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning and Bill Duncan, Council Member.

Call to Order            Commissioner Longtin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call                Chair Daniel Pidd, Commissioners David Price, Mark Longtin, Bruce Hemmah, Curt Duden, Colleen Charnell and Jay Sjoblom

Approval of Agenda    Commissioner Duden moved, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes   Commissioner Charnell moved, seconded by Commissioner Hemmah, and unanimously carried to approve the May 13, 2013, meeting minutes as presented.

Public Input            There was no public input.

Public Hearings:  
Conditional Use  
Permit (CUP) for  
Public Art Murals

Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning, reviewed the request for a CUP related to the public art murals. The Historical Society has asked to place two murals in the downtown, one on the north wall of the building owned by Jim Burkhardt and the other on a building owned by John Althoff, both facing public parking lots. An example was shown depicting a painting of a historic photograph. Mr. Maroney explained he reviewed the six conditions required for the CUP and the request satisfies those conditions.

Discussion:

- Timeframe for the project is this summer.
- A representation of the proposed mural must accompany the actual sign application
- Project is well supported by the community.
- Staff recommendation is for approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

The public hearing was closed.

Discussion Items:  
Resolution No. 2013  
– 4. CUP for Public  
Art Murals

Commissioner Duden moved, seconded by Commissioner Hemmah and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 2013 – 4.

Resolution No. 2013    Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning,

– 5. Mayo Clinic  
Health System Final  
Plat

reviewed the history of the purchase of property and consolidation of the five parcels into Lot 1 Block 1 of the Mayo Clinic Health System Cannon Falls final plat. Rights-of-way and easements on the plat were reviewed, as well as the process for approval and recording the final plat.

Commissioner Charnell moved, seconded by Commissioner Price and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 2013 – 5.

Dynamic Display  
Sign

Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning, reviewed the prior discussions by the Planning Commission pertaining to dynamic display as well as input from the city attorney. He noted that Brewster's application, in addition to requiring an amendment to the sign ordinance allowing dynamic signs in the B-1 District, would require a variance for the placement of the sign on the south side of the building as that location does not face the public right-of-way, as required by the sign ordinance. Mr. Maroney requested Commission input regarding whether to amend the sign ordinance and, if so, to what standards?

The percentage of dynamic sign devoted to changeable copy was discussed, as well as the definition of changeable copy. Dani Lind, owner of Brewster's, explained the size of proposed sign is 33 x 66 inches. He reiterated that the sign would only change to show daily and evening specials and would be shut off at closing time.

Consensus was to amend the ordinance to allow dynamic signs, although Commissioner Charnell expressed concerns about multiple dynamic signs detracting from the historic nature of downtown. Mr. Maroney explained that standards could be developed that would narrow the field to allow dynamic signs yet control proliferation. He suggested allowing only noncontributing structures in the Historic District to have dynamic signs until or unless dynamic signs are developed that complement historic buildings. He also noted that contributing buildings (those structures that are historically significant) could apply for a variance in that situation.

Planning  
Commission  
Member Comments

Commissioner Price asked for an update on the proposed Twin Cities to Rochester high speed rail project. Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning, stated the process is ongoing but many variables have yet to be determined, i.e., exact route, number of stops if any between the Twin Cities and Rochester.

Commissioner Hemmah asked for an update regarding the DNR plans to complete the trail from the dam to Cannon Falls. Mr. Maroney explained the DNR does not have the funds to completely construct the trail in 2013 but anticipates funding next year.

Adjourn

Commissioner Price moved, seconded by Commissioner Charnell and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**TO: Planning Commission.**

**FROM: Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning.**

**SUBJECT: Variance for 115 Fourth Street South (Brewster's).**

**DATE: July 2, 2013.**

**Item 6 (A). Public Hearing Variance – 115 Fourth Street South (Brewster's).** Kevin S. Lind has made application for a variance to allow signage to be installed on the south wall of his building in a location that does not front a public street. To approve this request, a variance is required.

The following exhibits are enclosed to familiarize you with the proposal: (a) map of the site and immediate neighborhood; and (b) photograph of the south façade and the proposed 15 s.f. (33" x 66") dynamic display sign.

The existing Brewster's building and property is comprised of multiple structures and parcels combined to a single building and site. First Farmers & Merchants Bank ("Bank") owns a 27' wide parcel between the south property line of Brewster's and the City Alley. The Bank maintains private parking on this property and it seems unlikely that the 27' parcel would ever be proposed and approved as a building site. From the alley south and west of the Bank building, no structures impede visibility of Brewster's south wall all the way to Park Street West. Throughout the downtown area, these are rather unique circumstances and Staff believes that "practical difficulties" exist to support approval of the variance request.

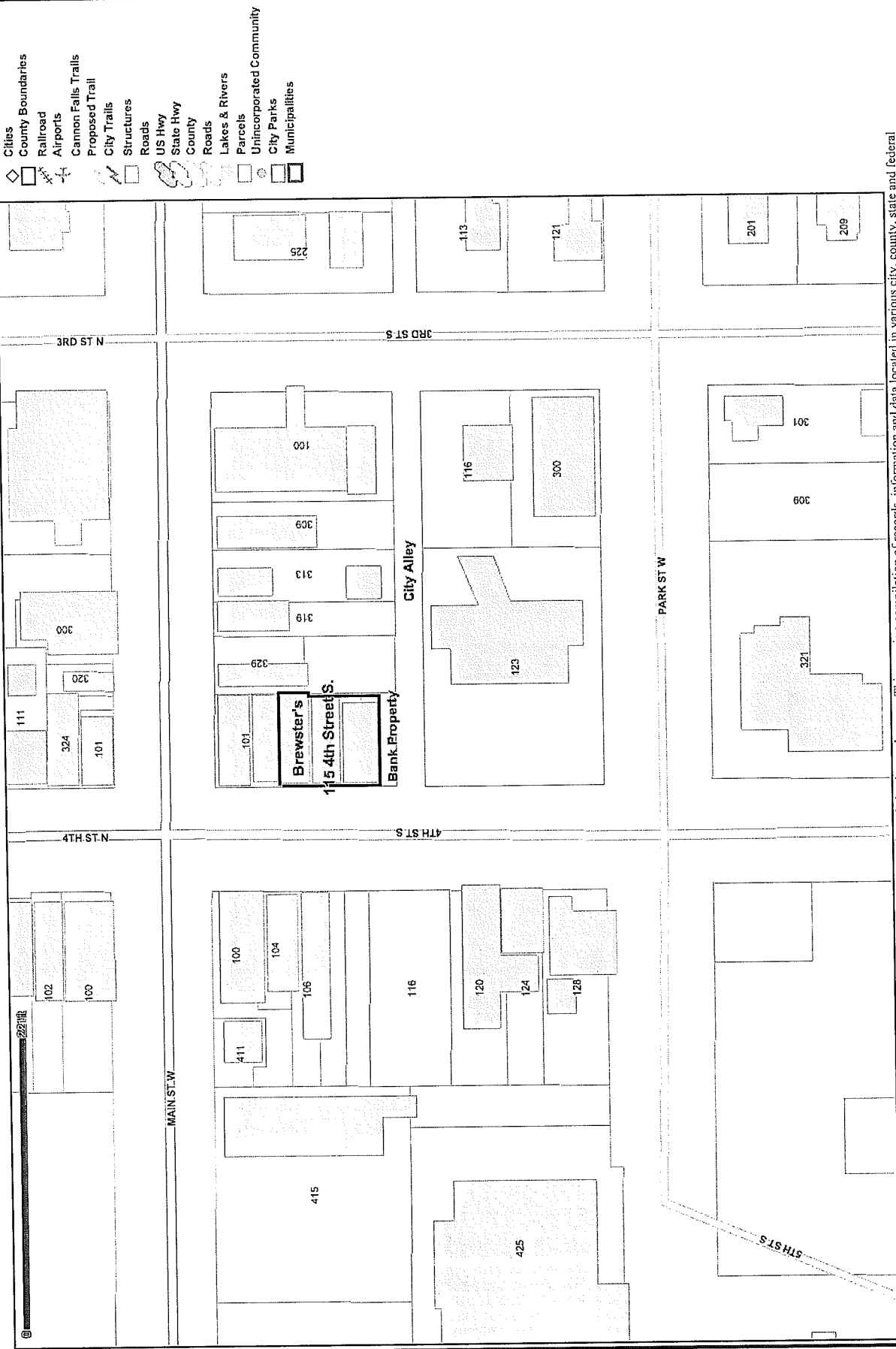
The public hearing notice was published in the Beacon and notice mailed to Cannon Falls property owners within 350-feet of the proposed site. If the variance request is granted by the City Council, then Mr. Lind also seeks approval of language to allow a dynamic display sign on his property. Previously, the Planning Commission was advised that if Mr. Lind's request for a dynamic display sign is to be approved then the Code should be amended to allow this type of signage throughout the B-1, Central Business District. The public hearing notifies the public that the variance and proposed amendment language will be considered simultaneously.

Following completion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission is asked to consider Resolution No. 2013-6.

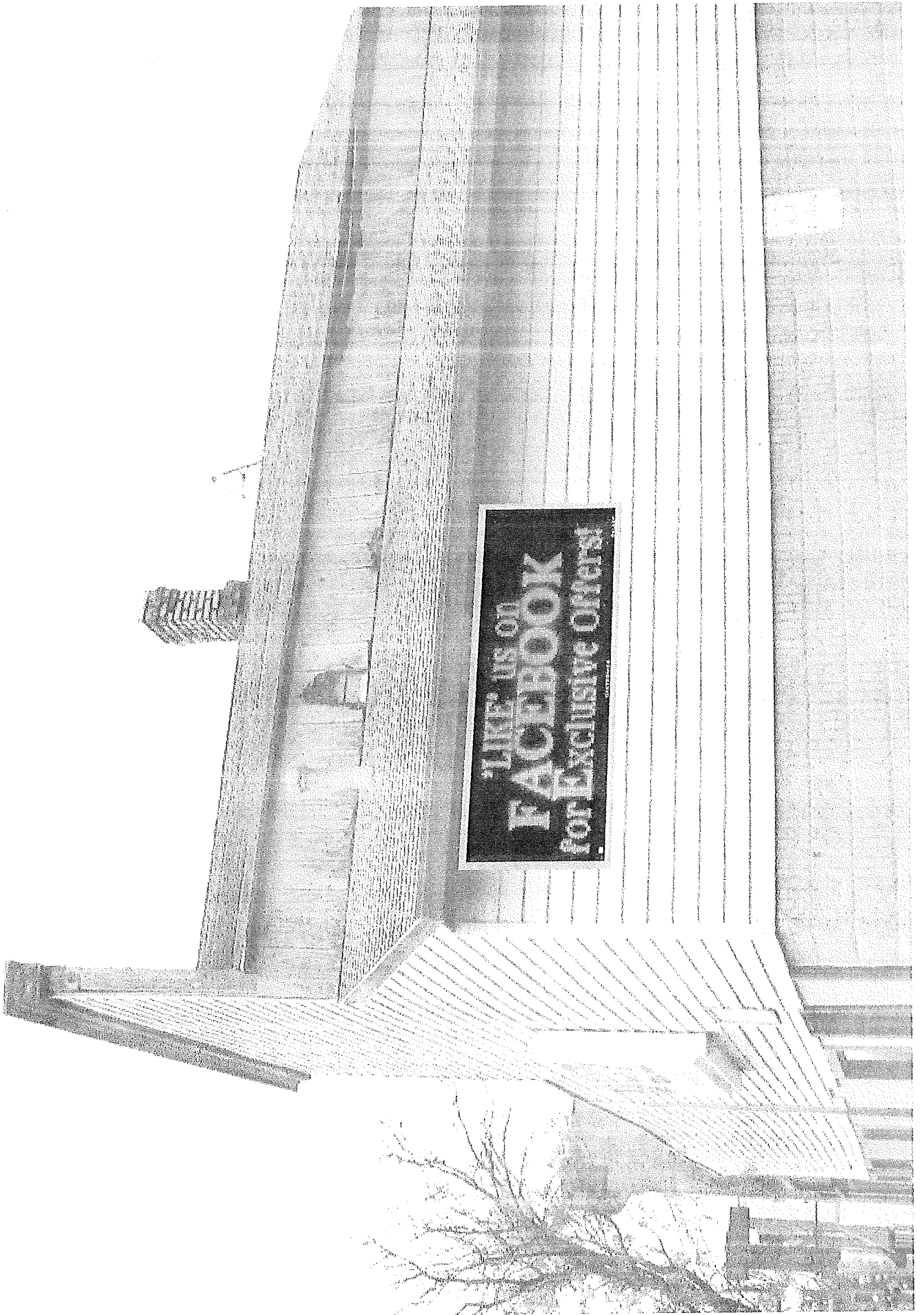
**Item 7 (A). Resolution No. 2013-6 – Variance for 115 Fourth Street South.** Staff recommends review and approval of Resolution No. 2013-6.

# Variance Application

115 Fourth Street South



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**PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2013-6**

**VARIANCE FOR 115 FOURTH STREET SOUTH**

WHEREAS, Kevin S. Lind (Owner) has made application for a Variance to allow a sign to be installed on the south wall of the building at 115 Fourth Street South (Brewster's Bar and Grill) in a location that does not front a public street as required by the Sign Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on July 8, 2013 to accept testimony relating to the application; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that: (a) placement of a sign on the south wall of Brewster's Bar and Grill is not expected to adversely impact the general welfare, public health or safety of the neighborhood; (b) placement of a sign in the proposed location can be accomplished in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Sign Code and signage can be designed and constructed in a way that is reasonable and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and that will not alter the essential character of the locality; (c) the Owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Sign Code by placing signage in an area that is highly visible from Fourth Street but in a location that does not front a public street or alley; and (d) that the practical difficulties do not appear to have been created by the Owner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cannon Falls Planning Commission hereby recommends to the Cannon Falls City Council that the Variance application be approved subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of the Sign Code.

**ADOPTED** by the Planning Commission this 8th day of July, 2013.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Dan Pidd, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Aaron S. Reeves  
City Administrator

Motion By:  
Second By:  
Pidd:  
Sjoblom:  
Charnell:  
Price:  
Longtin:  
Hemmah:  
Duden:



**TO: Planning Commission.**

**FROM: Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning.**

**SUBJECT: Chapter 152 of the City Code – Amendments to the Sign Code.**

**DATE: July 2, 2013.**

**Item 6 (A). Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 152 (Sign Regulations).**

***Definition.***

Dynamic Display Sign – any characteristics of a sign that appear to have movement or that appear to change, caused by any method other than physically removing and replacing the sign or its components, whether the apparent movement or change is in the display, the sign structure itself, or any other component of the sign. This includes a display that incorporates a technology or method allowing the sign face to change the image without having to physically or mechanically replace the sign face or its components. This also includes any rotating, revolving, moving, flashing, blinking, or animated display and any display that incorporates rotating panels, LED lights manipulated through digital input, digital ink or any other method or technology that allows the sign face to present a series of images or displays. The display of current fuel prices for permitted Motor Fuel Stations is not considered to be a Dynamic Display Signs.

***Minimum Standards.***

Dynamic displays on signs are allowed only on monument and pylon signs for schools, athletic complexes or other public or semi-public institutions pursuant to Section 152.355 (F) and for permitted (Section 152.646) and conditional (Section 152.648) uses within the B-2, Highway Business District. Within the B-1, Central Business District a dynamic display sign is allowed as a wall sign only on structures that are not designated as a contributing property by the National Register of Historic Places (January 7, 2000).

Signage for the display of current fuel prices for permitted Motor Fuel Stations is regulated by Section 152.355 (A) and is not considered to be a Dynamic Display Sign.

Except within the B-1, Central Business District, dynamic displays may occupy no more than thirty-five percent (35%) of the total allowable sign area that is permitted by the Sign Code. Only one contiguous dynamic display area is allowed on a sign face.

A dynamic display may not change or move more often than once every five (5) minutes, except one for which changes are necessary to correct hour-and-minute, date or temperature information. Time, date or temperature information is considered one dynamic display and may not be included as a component of any other dynamic display.

The images and messages displayed must be static and the transition from one static display to another must be instantaneous without any special effects.

Dynamic displays must be designed and equipped to freeze the device in one position if a malfunction occurs. The displays must also be equipped with a means to immediately discontinue the display if it malfunctions and the sign owner must immediately stop the dynamic display when notified by the City that it is not complying with the standards of the Sign Code.

Dynamic displays must comply with the brightness standards contained in Section 152.352 (I).

***Permit Procedure.***

An application for a Dynamic Display Sign will be considered in accordance with Section 152.357. In the event that the application does not comply with the applicable minimum standards, the applicant may request a variance pursuant to Section 152.357 (E).

**Item 7 (B). Resolution 2013-7 – Amendment to Sign Regulations.** If the *Definition, Minimum Standards* and *Permit Procedure* (together, these standards will become Exhibit A) are acceptable, Staff recommends review and approval of Resolution No. 2013-7.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2013-7**

**AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE/SIGN CODE**

WHEREAS, Kevin S. Lind has made application requesting an amendment to Chapter 152 of the City Code, the zoning ordinance, that will permit and regulate dynamic display signs within the B-1, Central Business District; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on July 8, 2013 to accept testimony relating to the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that: (a) dynamic display signs represent a new technology for advertising through signage and with proper controls that these signs can benefit the advertiser and the public; (b) provided that reasonable performance standards are established and maintained, allowing dynamic display signs is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and compatible with the land use goals and policies of the City; (c) allowing dynamic display signs does not overburden the City's capacity to provide municipal services; and (d) dynamic display signs should not be limited to just the B-1, Central Business District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cannon Falls Planning Commission hereby recommends to the Cannon Falls City Council that Chapter 152 of the City Code, the zoning ordinance, be amended to permit and regulate dynamic display signs pursuant to the attached minimum standards – Exhibit A.

**ADOPTED** by the Planning Commission this 8th day of July, 2013.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Daniel Pidd, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron S. Reeves  
City Administrator

Motion By:  
Second By:  
Pidd:  
Sjoblom:  
Charnell:  
Price:  
Hemmah:  
Longtin:  
Duden:



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## EDA MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

7:00 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Wulf, Duncan, Banks, Flaten and Mattson.
3. **EDA BUSINESS:**
  - A. Approval of Agenda.
  - B. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2013.
  - C. Conflict of Interest Disclosure.
  - D. ArtOrg Update (Dave Machacek).
  - E. Cannon/Third Streets (Raw Bistro).
  - F. ED Project Updates.  
Board of Equalization Determination.  
Center for Local Foods Initiative.  
Other Business.
4. **ADJOURN.**

Posted: July 5, 2013.

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The Cannon Falls Economic Development Authority (EDA) met on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Bill Duncan, Roxanne Flaten, Morris Mattson and Bob Banks. Also present was the Director of Economic Development and Planning, Dave Maroney and Rosie Schluter.

Call to  
Order/Approve  
Agenda/Approve  
Minutes/Conflict of  
Interest Disclosure.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Bob Banks. Motion by Flaten, second by Mattson to approve the agenda adding the Raw Bistro/Cannon Street plan and the minutes from the 5/8/13 meeting. Approved 4-0-0. No conflict of interest was disclosed.

Center for Local  
Foods Initiative.

Dave Maroney reported on a project that he has been participating on through the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) relating to local food systems and economic development opportunities. Because Cannon Falls has such a significant presence of “food businesses” in the area, the SMIF’s efforts in this sector of the economy could ultimately impact interests of the Economic Development Authority. Also, the *2013 Work Program* has identified the growth potential of the local food processing sector as a “high priority”.

Following discussion, the members agreed that further consideration relating to the potential benefits of participating with the SMIF and possibly their *Community Growth Initiative* should be pursued and that Mr. Maroney should continue to discuss this opportunity with representatives of some local businesses and interested parties.

ED Project  
Updates.

Hospital Reuse Plan. A brief overview of the progress made to date was presented and generally discussed with consensus given to continue efforts. The goal is to have a proposed redevelopment plan, financing details and an agreement documented and approved by Mayo and the Economic Development Authority by the end of August.

Cannon River Winery. Mr. Maroney reported that property had been purchased from the Maloney’s as directed by the Economic Development Authority.

Olmsted Medical Clinic Access. In response to higher than estimated costs to construct access to the Clinic from Highway 20, Mr. Maroney presented the financing details that were approved by the City Council on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Molenaar has agreed to accept a higher assessment amount than he had originally approved and the City Council has agreed to pay for approximately \$19,500 of the street and right turn lane costs.

Raw Bistro/Cannon Street. Following a recent visit with Patricia Greene (Raw Bistro), Mr. Maroney and the City Engineer designed a new concept plan for improvements to Cannon and Third Streets in

front of Raw Bistro. The Economic Development Authority generally reviewed the plan and agreed that a cost estimate should be prepared with participations then negotiated with the benefitting parties.

Other Business. None.

Adjourn.

Motion by Flaten, second by Banks to adjourn. Approved 4-0-0.

**To: Economic Development Authority.**

**FROM: Dave Maroney, Director of Economic Development and Planning.**

**SUBJECT: July 10, 2013 Agenda.**

**DATE: July 5, 2013.**

**Item 3 (D) ArtOrg Update.** Dave Machacek will be in attendance to discuss their vision and plans for development of the property.

**Item 3 (E). Cannon/Third Street (Raw Bistro).** The City Engineer has estimated a cost of \$50,800 to construct the proposed street and drainage improvements according to the plan that we discussed at the last meeting – see enclosure. Wednesday morning I would like to discuss alternative approaches for financing these improvements.

**Item 3(F). ED Project Updates.**

**Board of Equalization Determination.** Goodhue County has reduced valuations in 2014 for the 4 parcels that the EDA owns in the Industrial Park to the equivalent of \$8,500 per acre – see enclosed map.

**Center for Local Foods Initiative.** Pam Bishop (SMIF) is willing and able to meet with the Economic Development Authority on August 14<sup>th</sup> to further discuss their Community Growth Initiative Program. Since our June meeting I have had the opportunity to discuss this matter with a few folks around town and I will report what I have heard thus far.

**Other Business.** Reserved for topics that may be added prior to Item 3(A) - Approval of Agenda.

## Dave Maroney

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**From:** Greg Anderson <ganderson@sehinc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2013 3:47 PM  
**To:** Dave Maroney  
**Subject:** Re: Raw Bistro

**Categories:** Red Category

Dave,

We've prepared the cost estimate for the improvements at 3rd & Cannon per your meeting and notes on June 20th. The estimated project cost is \$50,800. This includes:

- 410 Lf of curb & gutter along Cannon Street from the Hart House west line to 3rd Street, then south to near the bridge.
- Patching bituminous adjacent to the new curb
- Removing bituminous and restoring the blvds with topsoil and sod behind the new curb along the Raw Bistro Building
- An infiltration/rain garden in the SW corner of 3rd & Cannon
- Extending the concrete driveway at the Hart House and the sidewalk at Raw Bistro to the new curb line
- New driveway apron and access to rear of Raw Bistro off of 3rd Street
- Storm sewer overflow/outlet from the infiltration/rain garden to the existing storm outlet in the Raw Bistro rear lot.
- Pavement marking for 10 stalls on 3rd Street.

I'll be down for the public works and council meetings tomorrow, we can discuss in more detail if needed.

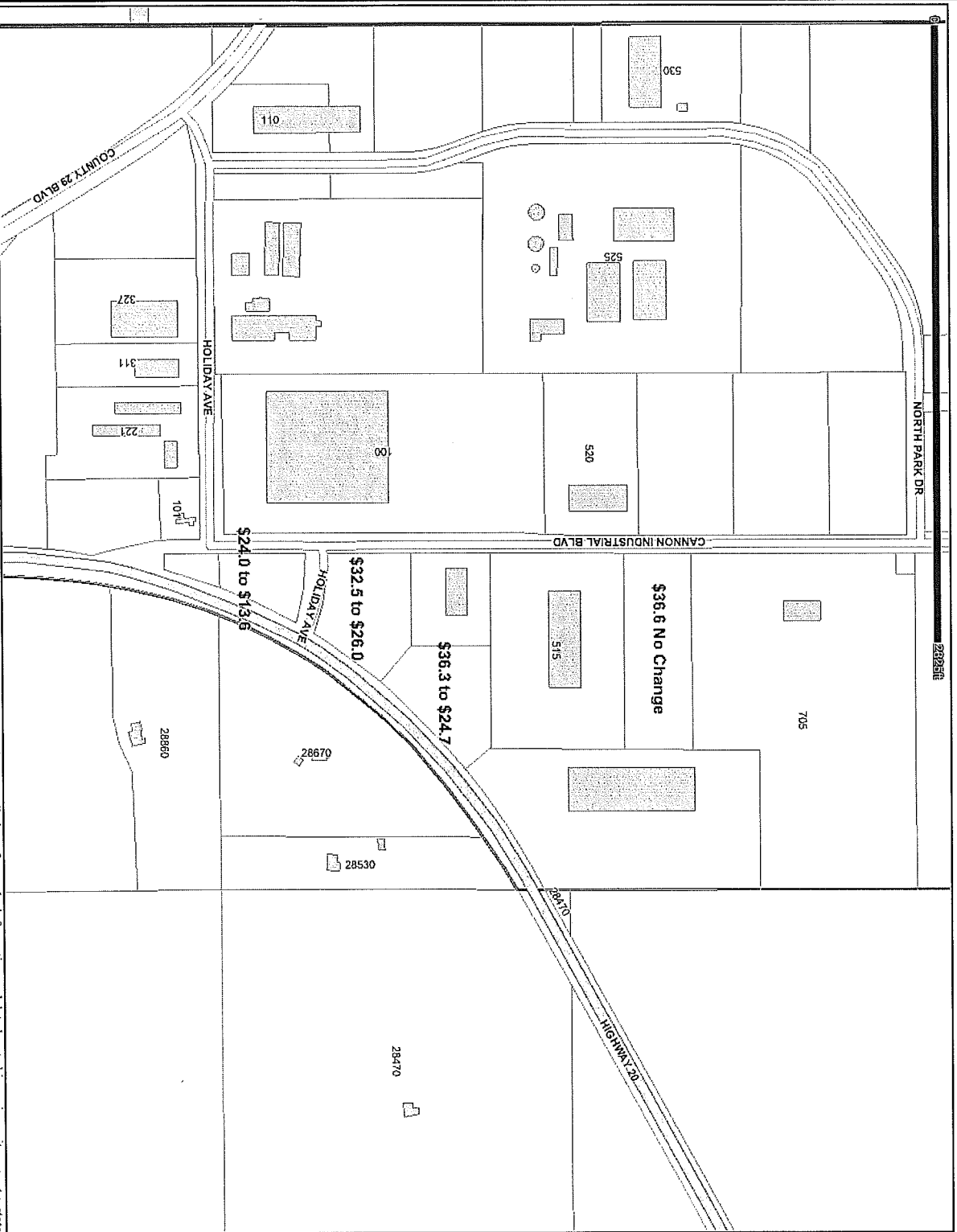
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# EDA Owned Parcels

## 2014 Valuation Changes



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Cannon Falls Library Board  
Agenda  
Monday July 8, 2013  
6:00 pm  
at  
the Library.

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Consent Agenda
  - a. June Minutes
  - b. Director's Report
  - c. May Financials
- 3) Board Business
  - a. 2014 Budget
  - b. Posting Policy
  - c. Employee Hours
  - d. Art Policy Agreement
- 4) Adjournment

Monday August 12, 2013 at 6:00pm

Cannon Falls Library  
Director's Report  
July 3, 2013

**Program Attendance:**

Movies: 24  
Book Club: 5

Lunch Bunch: 100  
Movie Days: 109  
Bike Program: 38  
Rat Program: 26

**E-Materials:**

2012 44 unique users checked out 140 materials  
2013 61 unique users checked out 231 materials

**Staff Accomplishments:**

Summer reading kicked off with a great start. During June 433 children signed up to participate in this year's "Dig into Reading" challenge. Staff have been busy sorting through reading logs, handing out homework, and directing children and parents through the many activities of this year's summer reading program. If you have a chance, drop by and congratulate them on a wonderful program. Our Children's coordinator did an excellent job in pulling everything together for our first summer reading program in the new building.

**Board Business:**

2014 Budget:

Attached you will find the 2014 Preliminary Budget for your approval. I am requesting a .8% increase from 2013. The 2012 and 2013 budget year anticipated a transitional library. 2014 will give us our first complete full year of a new building. I have based the numbers on March, April and May expenditures. It will be the goal of budget year 2014 to spend the money that is budgeted for so that we do not have a surplus at the end of the year.

Posting Policy:

Included in the packet you will find a copy of our current public posting policy. This policy currently does not address issues that we are currently facing. I would like the board to read through the policy and offer suggestions. As with all policies it is my goal to make each one succinct, but contain enough information for staff to use in the everyday operation of the library. We will discuss your thoughts and concerns at the next meeting and I will present a revised copy at the August board meeting for approval.

Employee Hours:

One of our current Library Assistants was currently scheduled to work 18 hrs a week. However, since the move to the new building she has been working 23 hrs and is confident that she can

maintain those hours. I request moving her official scheduled hours from 18 to 23 to accurately reflect her job.

**Art Policy Agreement:**

Attached is the Art Policy Agreement between the Library Board and potential loaner or donators of Art.

June 10, 2013  
Cannon Falls Library Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Justin Padgett, Jason Ochocki, Mary Harkins, Carol Price, Greg Kettle, Jay Sjoblom  
Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Carol Price made a motion to approve the Agenda; Greg Kettle seconded; motion passed.  
Greg Kettle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Mary Harkins seconded; motion passed.

#### Art Exhibition Policy

Art Exhibition Policy was reviewed.  
Carol Price made a motion to accept; Greg Kettle seconded; motion passed.

#### Media Cases

The Library currently has separate fees for damaged versus lost media cases, inserts, etc. Justin feels that once a case is damaged, it is basically a loss because in most instances it needs to be replaced. The fees charged have not included taxes, shipping or staff time. Carol Price made a motion to remove the damage fee and charge the replacement fee for these items. Greg Kettle seconded; motion passed.

#### Shelver Hired

Cindy Molenaar has been hired as the new part time shelver. This position is up to ten hours per week, mostly evenings and Saturdays.

Resignation from Board – Greg Kettle will be moving out of town because of a new job. Justin and the Board thanked him for his time and commitment to the Cannon Falls Library.

Justin will be gone for ~10 days in June. This will use the majority of his vacation time so that, for a period of time, future days off may need to be without pay.

At 6:45 p.m., Mary Harkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jason Ochocki ; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Harkins



# **Cannon Falls Library**

## **Policy on Petitions in the Library**

One of the roles of the Cannon Falls Library is to serve as a limited public forum for the free expression and exchange of ideas. The Library Board and staff recognize that one method of expression is through the lawful petitioning of the government, as set forth in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The library will, therefore, allow any individual or group desiring to place a petition at the library to do so, regardless of origin, background, or views of those originating the petition.

The library is a place of knowledge, where any person may come to seek the information they need to make informed decisions on issues local, regional, national, and global in nature. Anyone placing a petition in the library can be assured that a person considering the petition will have access to the full resources of the library in developing an opinion.

The act of allowing a petition to be placed at the Library does not in any way constitute support or opposition by the library for the individual or group promulgating said petition, nor does it constitute support or opposition for the petition itself.

### **Guidelines for Placing Petitions at the Library**

Petitions should be delivered to the library staff person on duty, who will then place the petition in an area readily available to the general public during library hours.

All persons or groups leaving a petition in the Library must sign a copy of this policy and must provide the name and phone number of a contact person.

The library accepts no responsibility for the physical security of any petition.

Petitions may be left in the library for a maximum of 30 days. If the period of time during which the petition is viable is longer than 30 days, the individual or group responsible for the petition may request an extension from the Library Director. **Petitions not picked up after 30 days may be disposed of by the Library Director.**

In order to avoid the appearance of the library's taking a side in any issue, library staff will not answer questions in regards to any petition, outside of directing those patrons who inquire to the petition's location within the library.

Any individual or group placing a petition at the library bears all responsibility for publicizing its availability. The library accepts no responsibility for informing the public of a petition's presence or period of availability.

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Date delivered to library

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Contact person (please print)

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Group, if any, represented

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Signature of contact Person

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Telephone number of contact person



# **Cannon Falls Library**

## **Policy on Posting, Collecting, and Distributing Free Materials**

The Cannon Falls Library's primary purpose is to build a materials collection and to provide information from organized library resources. Very limited space is available for display and distribution of free publications and notices not directly related to library services.

At the same time, the library does have a place in the community as a forum for the free exchange of ideas. To this end, the library's collection should represent many different points of view and should include information presented in pamphlet, newsletter, or other ephemeral formats.

To the extent that they meet the objectives and criteria set forth in the library's Collection Development Policy, materials of this nature may be added to the library's collection. Items may be added as uncataloged materials in the vertical files or may be cataloged individually, as appropriate. Once added to the collection, materials will be retained or removed according to the Library's established policies.

In addition to those materials added to the collection, it is often helpful and appropriate for the library to allow the distribution or posting of materials regarding community events, social services, educational opportunities, and other community information.

### **General Guidelines for Materials not Added to the Library Collection**

Posters and brochures for distribution to the public will be accepted on an "as space allows" basis.

Library staff must approve all materials before they are posted or set out for the public. Materials displayed without prior approval will be removed.

Posters should not exceed 8 ½" x 14" in size, with an 8 ½" x 11" size preferred due to space limitations.

In general, postings that include a box, receptacle, or canister will not be allowed. Permission for such postings is at the sole discretion of the Library Director or his/her designee.

Materials promoting events or services for which a charge is made must clearly indicate that charge.

The sponsoring agency or individual should be clearly identified on the materials and an address or telephone number given.

Copies of any given non-library brochure or other material for distribution may be placed in a single location within the library. Similarly, only one poster advertising a given non-library event will be displayed.

The library may limit the period of time any materials may remain on display or available for distribution. As necessary, library staff will remove older or dated materials to make room for new ones. Materials will not be returned to the sponsoring agency or individual.

Some materials of ongoing interest may be retained, at the discretion of the staff.

**The following materials will not be accepted:**

- Materials which promote a particular religious, political, social, or other point of view, except insofar as they are limited to informing the public of a particular meeting or service
- Materials which advocate the election or defeat of a candidate for public office, or which advocate an affirmative or negative vote for or against any proposition, whether political or otherwise
- Notices, advertisements, or information about commercial products or services for sale by for-profit entities
- Job notices, other than those for the Cannon Falls Library
- Notices, advertisements, or information about individual, neighborhood, or estate sales
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- Personals

# Highway project closes Cannon Falls strip club

Kay Fate | Posted: Thursday, July 4, 2013 12:21 pm

CANNON FALLS — The state on Friday will take possession of the Class Act strip club property to make way for a U.S. 52 interchange.

The move, which owner Dick Jacobson fought for months, is part of the plan to complete the U.S. 52/Goodhue County Road 24 interchange. The compensation for the land remains contested, said Mark Trogstad-Isaacson, right-of-way engineer for the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

"We made an initial offer," he said of the state's bid for the land, "but they didn't come back with a counter, so we exercised the right of eminent domain and started condemnation action."

A judge signed the eminent domain order about a month ago.

MnDOT officials have left messages with Jacobson and his attorney, Trogstad-Isaacson said, but haven't received a response. "We don't know what they're planning to do or when they're planning to do it," he said Wednesday. "They can still argue the value, but they have to be out" Friday, when the title transfer starts.

The business still contained a lot of personal property this week, he said, including food, alcohol, dishes and furniture.

Jacobson was unable to be reached for this story. The manager on Wednesday didn't return phone calls seeking comment.

If the business chooses to relocate, it's eligible for federal relocation funding, Trogstad-Isaacson said.

The city of Cannon Falls, which "inherited" the business in 1998 through an annexation process, hasn't received word of Class Act's intentions, said Aaron Reeves, city administrator.

By law, strip clubs are allowed in commercial-zoned areas, though cities can set their own zoning requirements within the area.

"Initially, we did reach out through MnDOT and through letters to the owners, to set up communication early," he said, "and didn't really get any response. But about a week ago, the attorney called to get some information about current zoning requirements."

Reeves said he sent the information, "but we haven't heard anything since then. I'm not sure what their plans are; it's more of a wait and see right now. We'll see if they come back or if they decide to take the acquisition money and go somewhere else. That's always a possibility, too."

According to the project schedule received by the city, Reeves said, "it'll take a few weeks to make

sure there's no asbestos, then demolition will occur around the end of the month."

The project, which will be completed in 2014, eventually will remove the final two stoplights between Rochester and the Twin Cities, effectively turning it into a true freeway.

# Official: Cannon Falls US 52 interchange a 'dream come true'

**Brett Boese, [bboese@postbulletin.com](mailto:bboese@postbulletin.com) | Posted: Saturday, July 6, 2013 8:00 am**

CANNON FALLS — In nearly two decades of frustrating, fruitless pursuit of funding, Richard Samuelson wasn't sure an interchange ever would get built on U.S. 52 in Cannon Falls.

Now the Goodhue County commissioner will be the featured speaker at Monday's ceremonial groundbreaking for the construction project.

"I've been working on it for 19 years now, and it's really like a dream come true," said Samuelson, who represents the Cannon Falls area.

Construction will start in earnest next week for the interchange at County Road 24. The Minnesota Department of Transportation expects the \$14.3 million project to be completed on Oct. 3, 2014, with the final two stoplights between Rochester and the Twin Cities being removed near the end of that time frame.

In a related development, a nearby interchange project will proceed on an almost identical timetable. MnDOT's recent decision to fund the \$8.9 million project at the deadly intersection of U.S. 52 and County Road 9, just seven miles south of the long-awaited Cannon Falls interchange, sparked another celebration among local officials.

Both interchanges are expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

"To have them kicking off and under construction at the same time, it's something that I never imagined would happen, but it's great for anyone who uses 52," said Greg Isakson, Goodhue County's public works director. "If we're lucky, we can have back-to-back project opening celebrations at 24 and 9."

Cannon Falls Administrator Aaron Reeves believes the city's patience is about to start paying off. Officials are hopeful that Mayo Clinic's new \$28 million facility currently under construction near the interchange is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg for economic development related to the highway projects.

"Right now it's excitement, but it's mixed with relief," Reeves said of his feelings. "We expect to see a lot of new growth around the interchange, and the bottom line is it's going to be a lot safer."

Traffic impacts during construction are expected to be minimal, according to MnDOT's Kristin KammueLLer. The agency plans to keep at least one lane of traffic open on the northbound and southbound sides of U.S. 52 throughout the two-year construction process.

Not everyone is pleased with the situation, though. Class Act, a strip club on the west side of U.S. 52, opposed the state's attempted land acquisition needed to construct the interchange.

Mark Trogstad-Isaacson, MnDOT's Right of Way Engineer, said Wednesday that a judge ruled in favor of the state about a month ago, signing an order that grants MnDOT Class Act's property on July 5 for a price that will be determined later. It's unclear if Class Act will relocate or simply close, but its current building will be razed with the interchange's exit ramp constructed on its parking lot.

The two interchange projects have pushed the Highway 52 Freeway Partnership, which was created in 1999 by Olmsted, Goodhue and Dakota counties, past the halfway point of its \$816 million vision that seeks to create an 80-mile stretch of controlled-access highway between Rochester and the Twin Cities.

The end may still be more than a decade away, but officials remain optimistic as high-priority projects continue to receive funding.

"What's good for Cannon Falls is good for Goodhue County," Samuelson said. "It's important for the whole state, really. It's a great project ... and everybody wins on this one."

# U.S. 52 inches toward freeway status

**Brett Boese | Posted: Friday, July 5, 2013 9:37 pm**

The Highway 52 Freeway Partnership is creeping ever closer toward accomplishing its goal of creating a controlled-access highway for motorists traveling between the Med City and the Twin Cities.

Established in 1999, the alliance between Olmsted, Goodhue and Dakota counties recently crossed the halfway point of its \$816 million vision. Last week's Minnesota Department of Transportation announcement of funding for the deadly U.S. 52 and Goodhue County Road 9 intersection means that \$424 million has been spent or committed for safety improvements since 2002.

The bulk of that funding — \$236.6 million — was designated for the ROC 52 Project in Rochester, which included nine interchanges, 27 bridges and widening an 11-mile stretch from four to six lanes. The four-plus year project was Minnesota's first design-build highway and won the Project of the Year Award for Transportation Projects over \$100 million from the American Public Works Association in 2006.

MnDOT's Kristin Kamueller said that every project along the U.S. 52 corridor to date has been funded by special programs, such as Safety and Mobility grants. Sen. Matt Schmit, DFL-Red Wing, believes the unified voice coming from the Highway 52 Partnership has been critical to being selected for so many of the highly competitive grants.

"I think it's really important to have all your representatives on the same page," Schmit said. "That makes it easy to work with a state agency to craft a solution. I think it's a great example of a partnership of state and local government."

Creating a list of priorities that everyone agreed on was important, according to Olmsted County Public Works Director Mike Sheehan — especially if that meant advocating for a project outside of your county on the group's annual lobbying trips to Washington, D.C.

"If you had everyone going in for every little project, I'm not sure we'd get anything accomplished," Sheehan said. "When we started this, we were hopeful that we could make a difference. I think it shows what everyone working together, pulling together, what you can accomplish."

## Safety in Numbers

The main goal of the coalition has been to enhance safety by eliminating access points by funneling traffic to interchanges. Another priority has also been to remove stoplights in order to reduce the dangers of crashes from inattentive drivers; the final two lights along the corridor — located in Cannon Falls — are expected to be removed in the fall of 2014.

However, it remains a work in progress.

There were 49 fatalities and 1,515 crashes with injuries recorded on U.S. 52 from 2003-12. The latest occurred in May just south of Cannon Falls, which prompted action by MnDOT to secure funding for an interchange at County Road 9. Though the design remains in a preliminary phase, that project is expected to eliminate a number of at-grade access points.

When the safety push began in earnest in 2000, MnDOT records show that 256 at-grade access existed along the corridor. The current number is unavailable, according to MnDOT's Kammuehler, but it's likely been cut roughly in half; the Elk Run interchange closed 18 and the County Road 24 interchange in Cannon Falls will eliminate 13 more.

"As traffic on 52 gets to be higher and higher, it's going to get more and more dangerous," said Goodhue County Public Works Director Greg Isakson.

With the recent approval of Mayo Clinic's Destination Medical Center, which plans \$6 billion in economic development, Rochester is projected to add 35,000 jobs over the next 20 years. The corresponding population growth will mean even more people using U.S. 52 over the next few decades.

Sheehan expressed confidence that the \$816 million vision will be fully completed in a decade, but Kammuehler is less certain. Isakson says patience is key, though he did note the recent successes in the Cannon Falls area has created renewed optimism within the partnership.

"It's amazing how fast these two came up — and they both really came out of no where," Isakson said. "A lot of that has to do with the Highway 52 Partnership. The folks out in Washington say they really appreciate when they have different entities saying the exact same thing ... but it's really hard to predict when the next (funding program) will come along."



# Lorentz Meats receives MDA Value Added Grant

**Posted: Friday, June 28, 2013 12:02 pm**

Minnesota Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Poster and Minnesota State Senator Matt Schmit toured parts of southeast Minnesota this month to visit farms and businesses that have received grants from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). The grant recipients include Lorentz Meats, Inc. of Cannon Falls. The company is one of nearly 50 Minnesota farmers, producers and processors to receive a Value Added Grant from MDA.

The grant program aims to increase sales of Minnesota agricultural products by helping farms and businesses add value to their operations and by assisting entrepreneurs investigating new opportunities or new enterprises.

Lorentz Meats, Inc. will use the grant to expand and upgrade their equipment to better process and package ground beef. The company says the new equipment will allow them to double their production and hire 5 new employees.

"Lorentz Meats is a prime example of local business stepping up to serve the needs of area farmers and consumers. It's encouraging to see the Value Added program have such an immediate impact," Sen. Schmit said.

The Value Added Grant Program is part of a larger commitment made by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton to increase jobs in rural Minnesota. The grants are made available through the Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation Program (AGRI), established by the legislature to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries.

"These grants are helping businesses add value to their operations through expansions or upgrades," said Assistant Commissioner Poster. "This will lead to an increase in rural economic activities, generate jobs, and create new businesses."

Examples of the grant projects include creamery production and cheese processing equipment for dairy farms, high tunnels for extending the growing season on fruit and vegetable farms, and the purchase of coolers and grinders for meat processing facilities. Other grantees will use the funds to pay for feasibility studies and business plans, and to implement methods to increase on-farm food safety.

Another round of Value Added Grants will begin later this summer.



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## General Membership Meeting

Open to all cities (SEMLM members and nonmembers)

**Tuesday, July 30, 2013**

**Location: Goodhue County Historical Society**

1166 Oak Street, Red Wing, MN 55066

Directions: <http://www.goodhuehistory.mus.mn.us/map.html>

5:00 pm **Free Tours** of the Goodhue County Museum for those who arrive early

6:00 pm Social Time

6:30 pm Dinner - Strawberry Spinach, Dinner rolls, Caramelized Onion Mashed Potato, Grilled Asparagus with Hollandaise sauce, Three Cheese Risotto, Lemon Pepper Encrusted Walleye (won People's Choice at Taste of Rochester 2012), Pot Roast with Gravy, Limoncello Bars with Citron Vodka whipped cream, Chocolate Brownie

7:00 pm Opening remarks, Business

7:15 pm House and Senate Legislative Update Panel, Q&A with membership

8:00 pm Membership Input on 2014 Legislative Topics to Explore

8:30 pm Networking

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