



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

Council Session

Item G9

#2004-73 - Approving Intent to Enter the Nebraska Community Improvement Program

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma

Meeting: April 13, 2004

Subject: Nebraska Community Improvement Program
Intent to Enter & Resolution

Item #'s: G-9

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma

Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development, through the Nebraska Community Improvement Program, recognizes and awards Nebraska communities for outstanding activities and projects they have done to enhance leadership, community and economic development. Grand Island has entered the past two years and would like to enter notable projects again this year. Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival was nominated in 2002. Kids Kingdom playground was nominated and won an award in 2003.

Discussion

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is inviting nominations for 2004 activities and projects that enhance leadership, community and economic development in Nebraska communities. Grand Island has numerous projects that will be complete by August 31, 2004 or are on-going and notable events. The City of Grand Island may nominate up to five (5) projects in the Blueprint for Success Award category or up to three (3) projects for individual Special Project Awards.

Each nomination includes narrative, photos, newspaper clippings and other documentation that highlights each project. In addition, if the City enters in the Blueprint for Success Award category, judges will make a 45-minute site visit to Grand Island to review each of the five projects/activities.

The NCIP Intent to Enter must be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development by May 1, 2004.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the 2004 NCIP Intent to Enter.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the 2004 NCIP Intent to Enter
3. Modify the 2004 NCIP Intent to Enter to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the 2004 NCIP Intent to Enter.

Sample Motion

Approve the 2004 Nebraska Community Improvement Program Intent to Enter nomination for the City of Grand Island.

2004 INTENT TO ENTER

1. Name of community: Grand Island, Nebraska

2. Names of Officers

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4. NCIP Options (check all that apply)

Sustaining NCIP Community

Special Awards

Community Development Awards

Marilyn Ristine Leadership Award

Good Neighbor Awards

Founders Award

Youth Leadership Award for Outstanding Community Service

5. Release of Information

The committee gives the Nebraska Department of Economic Development permission to duplicate the awards nomination information for public distribution, including on Internet.

yes no

_____ signed Chairperson

**The Office of the Mayor
City Of Grand Island
State of Nebraska**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, local municipal and county government must provide leadership for improving community and economic development efforts; and
- WHEREAS, community and economic development needs can best be determined and solved through a cooperative effort between elected officials and the citizens they represent; and
- WHEREAS, since 1963 the Nebraska Community Improvement Program has helped communities build on their strong heritage and form a vision for their future through community recognition awards, grants and improvement programs; and
- WHEREAS, the Nebraska Community Improvement Program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, has been reviewed and found to be a means to improve our community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is interested in participating in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program and herewith pledges full support, endorsement and cooperation in carrying out the requirements of the NCIP;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, on behalf of the entire city council, do hereby proclaim the City of Grand Island to be an official entrant for the year of 2004.

Signed this 13th day of April, 2004:

Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

RESOLUTION 2004-73

WHEREAS, local municipal and county government must provide leadership for improving community and economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, community and economic development needs can best be determined and solved through a cooperative effort between elected officials and the citizens they represent; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Community Improvement Program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, has been reviewed and found to be a means to improve our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City Council of the City of Grand Island do herewith pledge their full support, endorsement, and cooperation in carrying out the requirements of the Nebraska Community Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Island urges its citizens to join this effort and hereby declares the City of Grand Island to be an official entrant in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program for the year of 2004.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 13, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
April 8, 2004	☐ City Attorney