



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Council Session

Item G19

**#2005-170 - Nebraska Community Improvement Program (NCIP)
Intent to Enter and Proclamation**

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development Specialist

Meeting: June 14, 2005

Subject: Nebraska Community Improvement Program
Intent to Enter & Resolution

Item #'s: G-19

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Specialist

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 three years and would like to enter notable projects again this year. In 2004, the Downtown Alleyway and the South Locust Renewal Projects were nominated and each won a Public Works, Facilities, Services and Planning Award. Kids Kingdom won an award in 2003.

Discussion

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is inviting nominations for 2005 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, 2005 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 will be accepted by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development until June 17, 2005. This Intent to Enter encompasses years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to consolidate annual duplication of paperwork.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the 2005 NCIP Intent to Enter.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the 2005 NCIP Intent to Enter
3. Modify the 2005 NCIP Intent to Enter to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the 2005 NCIP Intent to Enter.

Sample Motion

Approve the 2005 Nebraska Community Improvement Program Intent to Enter nomination for the City of Grand Island.

**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 years of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Signed this 14th day of June , 2005:

Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska

RESOLUTION 2005-170

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor and City Council hereby pledge their full support, endorsement and cooperation in carrying out the requirements of the Nebraska Community Improvement Program for the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 14, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
June 8, 2005	☐ City Attorney