



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Council Session

Item G7

**#2009-43 - Approving Nebraska Community Improvement
Program Intent to Enter Resolution**

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

Meeting: February 24, 2009

Subject: Nebraska Community Improvement Program Intent to Enter & Resolution

Item #'s: G-7

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

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 consistently entered a nomination during the past five years and would like to enter notable projects again this year. An updated nomination form and resolution are required to enter the 2009 competition.

Awards received the past few years: Kids Kingdom won a Special Award in 2003. In 2004, the Downtown Alleyway and the South Locust Renewal Projects were nominated and each won a Public Works, Facilities, Services and Planning Award. In 2007, the Community Youth Council "Family Day in the Park" received a Special Award.

Discussion

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is inviting nominations for 2009 activities and projects that enhance leadership, community and economic development in Nebraska communities. Grand Island has numerous projects that occurred between September 2008 and August 2009 and/or are on-going and notable events. The City of Grand Island may nominate projects in three categories 1) Leadership Development, 2) Economic Development, and/or 3) Community Development. Outstanding youth and/or adult volunteer who demonstrate leadership in the community may also be nominated.

Nominations include narrative, photos, news articles, and/or other documentation that highlights each project. If the City enters in the "Community Notebook" category, NCIP site judges will visit Grand Island to review each of the nominated projects/activities.

The deadline for submission of the NCIP Intent to Enter application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development is generally in August or September each year. This Intent to Enter and Resolution encompasses the next five (5) years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 to consolidate annual duplication of paperwork. The previous resolution covered the years 2003 through 2008. This time frame in resolution form is allowable by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the 2009 NCIP Intent to Enter and five-year Resolution
2. Disapprove the 2009 NCIP Intent to Enter and five-year Resolution
3. Modify the 2009 NCIP Intent to Enter to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the 2009 NCIP Intent to Enter and five-year Resolution.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the 2009 Nebraska Community Improvement Program (NCIP) Intent to Enter and five-year Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2009-43

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 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 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 24, 2009.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
February 19, 2009 ☐ City Attorney