



NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

6:30 p.m.

City Hall – Large Conference Room

310 Elm Street West

Norwood Young America, MN

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Oath of Office – Mike Eggers**
- III. Consideration of the Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. February 21, 2018 Workshop Session
 - B. March 14, 2018 Joint Meeting Minutes
- V. Unfinished Business**
 - A. 2018 CDA Redevelopment Planning Grant
 - B. Entrance Monuments Updates
- VI. New Business**
- VII. Project Updates**
 - A. Potential Business for Tacoma West Industrial Park
 - B. Hotel Study Update
- VIII. Miscellaneous Communications**
 - A. 2018 Goals Status – Facebook Analytics, EDC Newsletter Articles
 - B. Chamber Updates
- IX. Upcoming Meetings**
 - A. May 2, 2018 – Small Business Breakfast – 8:00 a.m., Oak Grove Community Room
 - B. May 9, 2018 – Regular EDC Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
 - C. May 9, 2018 – Joint Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- X. Adjournment**



DATE: April 11, 2018

MEMO TO: NYA Economic Development Commission

FROM: Holly J. Kreft, Economic Development Consultant

RE: Agenda Item II. Oath of Office – Mike Eggers

Background:

The City Council has appointed Mike Eggers to serve on the EDC. We welcome Mike and thank him for his service!

Action:

Administer oath of office.

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Workshop Notes from Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

***City Hall –Conference Room*
310 Elm Street West
Norwood Young America, MN**

I. Call to Order

Chair Diedrick called the workshop session to order at 6:40 p.m.

EDC members in attendance were: Tina Diedrick, Carol Lagergren, Kaarin Foede and Karen Hallquist.

Absent: Kyle Strickfaden, Julie Schmidt, Mike McPadden and Theresa Meis.

Staff attending were: City Administrator Steve Helget and Economic Development Jo Foust.

Also present: Eric Bender and Nick Jeurissen of Greystone Construction and Randy Schuster of Vickerman Company.

Due to the lack of a quorum, Diedrick noted no formal action would be taken and only a workshop session would occur.

A. Vickerman Company – Request for Variances from the Tacoma West Industrial Park Covenants

Foust provided an overview of the requirements within the Tacoma West Industrial Park Covenants as they relate to a construction project proposed by Vickerman Company. The company is planning to purchase three industrial lots from the City and construct an approximate 118,000 square foot building, with a connection to their current facility. The project appears to meet all criteria with the exception of three items, two of which require variances from the covenants and the third which requires approval by the Design Review Team (DRT). The Economic Development Commission, along with specified staff, serve on the DRT and is asked to prepare recommendations.

Vickerman Company has submitted a letter requesting consideration of the following:

1. A variance to allow a zero-foot side yard setback on the east property line. A 15-foot side yard setback is required in the Covenants. They would like to construct a connection to their existing facility.
2. A variance to allow a 42-foot building height. A 40-foot maximum height is currently noted in the Covenants. The 42-foot height would support our fire suppression system and allow them to build higher versus increasing site coverage.
3. DRT approval is requested to allow prefinished settle wall panels as the primary exterior building material on the front and sides of the building façade. The Covenants note this material shall only be allowed in a manner approved by the DRT. The proposed material will be consistent with the existing building façade.

Eric Bender and Nick Jeurissen, Greystone Construction, provided an overview of the building plans. They noted only the center portion of the building will be at 42 feet in height. Parking will be on the east side of the building with pedestrian walkways. Loading docks for nine trucks will be on the north side of the building. A fire lane will be provided around the building. A future addition to the east was identified. An interior layout was provided. A majority of the space will be open, for shelving, with the exception of a fire pump room. There is no need for screening of mechanical equipment, as there will only be small chimneys on top of the roof. There will not be garbage generated from the addition as they will recycle the cardboard used.

The group discussed the façade, which will match the existing building.

The estimated project cost is \$6.5 million. The company anticipates hiring 11 new employees over the next three years, with wages over \$15 per hour. A ground breaking is planned for mid-March, upon approval of all plans.

The City has also been working with the Company to explore financial programs to assist with the project. The city will sell the lots at \$1 per square foot, versus the \$2.75 per square foot market value. A tax increment finance district will be established. In addition, the City Council approved a resolution supporting the submittal of an application to the Job Creation Fund program at the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development.

A special meeting will be called for the EDC for Monday, February 26, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. to take action and prepare a recommendation on the requests for variance from the Tacoma West Industrial Park Covenants and approve the exterior building materials.

B. Joint Meeting with the City Council, Planning Commission and Chamber of Commerce.

The group discussed the upcoming joint meeting planned for March 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to (1) Recommend boundaries for the Historic Downtown Young America and the Historic Downtown Norwood areas, (2) Review and approve the scope of services for a streetscape plan, to be submitted to the Carver County CDA for a matching grant and (3) Discuss incentive programs to encourage redevelopment of building facades and interior code improvements.

A draft scope of services was reviewed. The committee requested “Stakeholder engagement” be added to the list, to allow property and business owners an opportunity to provide input, and obtain their buy-in on the plan.

Maps illustrating the age of commercial and residential structures in the two downtowns, as well as Highway 212 Business Corridor were provided. Tables with information on the PID, address, year the structure was built, assessed market value, size of the parcel, building material, roof type, building height and owner versus renter occupancy was provided. Committee members requested street names be added to the maps, along with landmarks and/or addresses within the downtown boundaries.

Boundaries for the downtown districts were discussed. Within the Historic Downtown Norwood, it was suggested the properties immediately adjacent to Elm, from Reform to Oak be included. Within the Historic Downtown Young America, it was suggested the boundaries extend along the south side of 1st St. NE east past 3rd Avenue and south toward 1st St. SE, but parallel with the boundary between Willkommen Park. Boundaries were sketched on maps which will be updated for the Joint Session.

C. Small Business Week Breakfast

The group discussed optional speakers for the May 2, 2018 Small Business Week Breakfast, which is proposed to be co-sponsored by the EDC and Chamber of Commerce. The consensus of the group was to invite Doug and Jeff from Henderson, MN to present information on historic Henderson.

D. Project Updates

It was reported ribbon cuttings were conducted at Serv-a-Dock and JIT Metal Finishing.

Staff has reached out to Find It Here and a new photography studio that will open at 217 East Main Street, by Nicole Lueck.

Future ribbon cuttings at these businesses as well as Diversified Plumbing, Dog Tag Furniture 218 Casper St, and 212 Equipment, 17550 US 212, were suggested.

The Chamber of Commerce is working with staff to finalize the forms for business spotlights.

It was requested one-year meetings with new businesses begin in March. It was suggested two or three be conducted in a half day, with small groups of EDC members participating.

The next newsletter will be prepared by April, 2018. MDG, LLC. staff will coordinate with Kelly.

E. Miscellaneous Communications.

A. Chamber Updates – Karen provided updates on Chamber membership, sharing that 12 new members have joined since the beginning of the year. They continue to work on renewals. A recap of the Chili feed was provided. The next event will be the Taste of Norwood Young America.

F. Upcoming Meetings.

A special meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the Vickerman Company project.

The next regular meeting of the EDC is March 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. A Joint Session with the City Council, Planning Commission and Chamber of Commerce will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn.

The workshop session adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Foust
Economic Development Coordinator
Municipal Development Group LLC

**NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA CITY COUNCIL
NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA PLANNING COMMISSION
NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Minutes from Joint Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – Large Conference Room

310 Elm Street West

Norwood Young America, MN

I. Call to Order

Mayor Lagergren called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council members in attendance were: Charlie Storms, Dick Stolz, and Craig Heher.

Planning Commission members in attendance were: Bill Grundahl and Paul Hallquist.

EDC members in attendance were: Kaarin Foede and Theresa Meis.

Staff attending were: City Administrator Steve Helget and Economic Development Coordinator Holly J. Kreft.

II. Consideration of the Agenda

Motion Storms, second Heher to approve the agenda was approved as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

III. Business

A. Boundaries of Historic Downtowns

Economic Development Coordinator Kreft presented an overview of what was reviewed at the February EDC workshop including the zoning district boundaries and the discussions on the boundaries proposed for the historic districts. Mayor Lagergren stated that it was important to include the Mill House on the Young America side. There was a discussion on the boundary for the southeast corner of the Historic Downtown Young America.

Mayor Lagergren asked why it was important to identify the historic downtowns. Councilmember Stolz stated he felt it was important that the downtowns have a separate identity from the surrounding area. There was discussion about potential themes for each downtown. Mayor Lagergren also noted that the City of Henderson felt the historic aspect was important to attract destination businesses. Councilmember Storms stated that by identifying the historic districts it was also a guidance system on how the buildings should look and what type of businesses should be there. EDC Member Meis stated that there will be an expectation by and of the businesses in a historic district. Councilmember Stolz noted that it all ties together.

The consensus of the group was to adopt the boundaries of the historic districts as presented with the change of removing the City-owned public works parcels on the Young America side.

PC Member Grundahl questioned if the former City Hall parcel ("old Singer's Hall") should be included. The discussion was that it was a privately owned residence and could be included in historic tours, but not within the boundaries for this purpose.

B. Redevelopment Plan

Economic Development Coordinator Kreft provided an overview of the proposal for the Redevelopment Plan as presented to the EDC at their February workshop. She noted that the EDC requested additional public input from business owners and property owners, so there was a slight increase to the proposed cost. Kreft provided an overview of the Carver County CDA grant and noted it is a 50/50 match and due the first of each month.

The group reviewed the proposal and discussed the next steps in the redevelopment plan. Kreft clarified that this is a scope of work and plan to create the redevelopment plan which will assist the City in implementing the redevelopment of the historic districts.

EDC Member Foede referenced the Belgrade Redevelopment Plan that had been provided as an example at a previous meeting. Mayor Lagergren asked that it be redistributed so people could review it.

Kreft noted that due to the deadlines the group could decide to have a special EDC meeting for a recommendation, wait to apply until the May 1st deadline, or have the resolution go to the City Council without an EDC recommendation. The consensus of the group was to wait until the May 1st deadline and have it placed on the April 11th EDC agenda.

C. Incentive Programs

Kreft provided an overview of incentive programs including a no interest loan program, a interest write down with local banks, or a business competition. Steve noted there is approximately \$140,000 in the City loan program. Councilmember Stolz stated it was important to market to the existing businesses first and have them buy-in to the redevelopment of the downtowns. Councilmember Storms stated his preference was to keep the existing Open to Business program and consider adding others depending on interest and funds.

PC Member Hallquist asked about the prior forgivable loan program. He noted that about 10 businesses participated and it seemed well received. Councilmember Storms asked what the qualifications would be and if the buildings would need to be redeveloped to the original architecture.

The consensus of the group was that the next joint meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. with the two agenda items being discussion of the incentive programs and identify the strengths, challenges, and implementation steps to build on the strengths and address the challenges. The local bankers, Lee Hall, and Stacey from the Quilting Grounds will be invited to discuss what is working and isn't working relative to incentives.

IV. Adjourn

A motion was made by Storms, seconded by Heher to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly J. Kreft, Economic Development Consultant
MDG, LLC.



DATE: April 11, 2018

MEMO TO: NYA Economic Development Commission

FROM: Holly J. Kreft, Economic Development Consultant

RE: Agenda Item V. A. 2018 CDA Redevelopment Planning Grant

Background:

Due to the lack of a quorum at the February 21st and March 14th meetings, formal action will be needed at this meeting. At the joint meeting on March 14th, the group discussed submitting an application for the 2018 CDA Redevelopment Planning Grant for a downtown redevelopment plan for the two historic downtowns. The consensus of the group was to have the EDC provide a recommendation to the City Council for their April 23rd meeting.

Below are details regarding the grant program:

- **Redevelopment:** The Program is intended to assist cities with Redevelopment Plan goals. Blighted and under-utilized areas do not maximize their potential economic value and can negatively impact the livability of a community. The responsibility for creating redevelopment activities rests primarily with the cities.
- **Funding Available:** \$400,000 is available for grants provided under the program during this funding round. The CDA will reserve ten percent (10%) for Redevelopment Planning Grants. The maximum Planning Grant amount is \$7,500. The remaining funds will be used for Redevelopment Incentive Grants. The maximum Redevelopment Incentive Grant amount is \$60,000.
- **Redevelopment Planning Grants** may be used to fund activities that are required to establish a Redevelopment Plan. As such, the Redevelopment Plan is not required to be in place to be eligible for a Redevelopment Planning Grant, so long as the Redevelopment Planning Grant is intended to be used to assist in the development of a Redevelopment Plan.
- The application must meet the following threshold criteria to be scored:
 - The application must be approved by the respective city council.
 - There must be a minimum leverage rate of 1 to 1 (\$1 of other funds for every \$1 of Redevelopment Planning Grant).
 - The city must be supportive of affordable housing and the CDA's mission.

- A resolution containing the following required provision must be adopted by the city: *the City is supportive of affordable housing and of the CDA's mission, to improve the lives of Carver County residents through affordable housing and community development.* Chair Diedrick questioned why this provision is required. Allison Streich, Deputy Director, responded that the language does not require any specific action within the redevelopment area. She noted it simply states that the City is supportive of the CDA's mission relative to affordable housing.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis due the 1st of the month

At the February 21st workshop, it was requested to add Stakeholder Engagement to the process. Please find attached the updated proposal from MDG LLC to complete the downtown redevelopment plan. At the joint meeting, I incorrectly stated that the proposal did not include the stakeholder engagement, but the attached proposal is correct. The original cost proposal was \$7,000, so this updated version reflects the addition of the stakeholder engagement.

Action:

Recommendation to the City Council to authorize MDG LLC to submit an application on behalf of the City of Norwood Young America for the 2018 CDA Redevelopment Planning Grant. If the grant is received, the cost to the City will be \$4,000 with grant funds providing the additional \$4,000.



Downtown Redevelopment Plan Proposal

Municipal Development Group, LLC. proposes to work with the City of Norwood Young America to develop a Downtown Master Plan which includes the following Scope of Services. We are happy to modify the Scope of Services to fit the City's needs and budget.



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Proposed Scope of Services

- Develop an inventory parcels in and around the two downtowns to identify the age of structures, building facade, height, and current use.
- Work with the City Council, EDC, Planning Commission and Chamber of Commerce to identify boundaries for the two downtowns and the Hwy 112 Commercial district.
- Prepare GIS maps to illustrate the boundaries of the two downtowns and the Hwy 112 Commercial district
- Incorporate data from the Historical Society on the historical significance of various buildings in the two downtowns
- Facilitate discussions with the City Council, EDC, Planning Commission and Chamber to identify the strengths, challenges and implementation steps to build on strengths and address challenges in the downtowns.
- Outline potential architectural design elements, that are period appropriate, for each downtown.
- Identify potential streetscape elements to incorporate in each downtown.
- Outline signage opportunities including wayfinding signs, banners, etc.
- Address connectivity of the three commercial districts for vehicular and pedestrian traffic
- Identify funding sources and redevelopment programs to assist in encouraging building owners to invest in their buildings.
- Stakeholder engagement via meetings and/or miscellaneous forms of input.
- Summarize short term and long range implementation steps.
- Work with a landscape architect to prepare two renderings (one of each downtown area)
- Total estimated cost \$8,000



DATE: April 11, 2018

MEMO TO: NYA Economic Development Commission

FROM: Holly J. Kreft, Economic Development Consultant

RE: Agenda Item V. B. Monument Entrance Signs

Background:

The City Council authorized purchase of the three monument signs from American ArtStone. That order has been placed and they indicated it would be approximately 11 weeks to complete, so it is anticipated that they will be available in mid to late May.

MnDOT would like to meet with the Sign Committee, Gus Wischnack, and the Eagle Scout prior to finalizing the landscaping plan, but they are supportive of the project and indicated that they would fund the portion within the right-of-way limits. This meeting will be scheduled once the weather allows access to the site.

The remaining components include:

1. Metal portion of the sign by JIT – cost of \$5,706.30 (\$1,902.10 each) – we did receive quotes from two other companies and JIT is lowest cost
2. Footings for sign – will use a local contractor
3. Landscaping – initial estimate of \$3,800 (half paid by MnDOT or \$1,900)
4. Lighting – I'm meeting with Tony Voigt on April 9th to review lighting options for the signs based on electrical access. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

Action:

No action needed at this time, for information only.



DATE: April 11, 2018

MEMO TO: NYA Economic Development Commission

FROM: Holly J. Kreft, Economic Development Consultant

RE: Agenda Item VII. Project Updates

Following are project updates from the past month:

1. **Ribbon Cuttings** – As discussed at the February 21st workshop, Diversified Plumbing, Dog Tag Furniture, and 212 Equipment were contacted for ribbon cuttings. Diversified Plumbing indicated they hoped to be ready in mid to late April for a ribbon cutting. Dog Tag Furniture declined a ribbon cutting at this time. Karen will contact 212 Equipment. I would recommend that Karen contact any businesses outside of City limits for a ribbon cutting and either MDG LLC or the Chamber contact businesses within City limits.
2. **Other New Businesses** – Steve and Cynthia met with Advanced Electrical about their preferred site for a new building. The preferred site does not currently have access to water or sewer, so the City Council will need to provide direction on the policy of extension and costs. Steve will provide an update at the meeting.

Karen reached out to the owner of Green Leaf, which is closing in Waconia. Jason Winter with Citizens State Bank provided information on the Mill House property (which they own) and information on a space in the strip mall. Karen shared this information with the owner of Green Leaf.

3. **Vickerman Expansion Update** – A DEED grant in the amount of \$110,000 was awarded to the project. This was made available through the Minnesota Job Creation Fund as they are planning to add at least 10 jobs with the expansion.
4. **Potential Business in Tacoma West Industrial Park**
Steve discussed the Tacoma West Industrial Park properties with Ben Drew of Cushman Wakefield. He met with Ben on March 22nd. He indicated that it is a natural gas business and looking to establish a location in Minnesota. One of the primary objectives is they want to be located in the MN Valley Electric Coop territory. The company is interested in 4-5 acres. Ben provided the attached aerials of an existing plant. One of the structures would require a 100' height, which will require a variance from the covenants. We would appreciate feedback from the EDC regarding this potential buyer.
5. **Hotel Study Update** - Holly reached out to Brian Forcier, the developer of the new Cobblestone Inn and Suites in Hutchinson, to discuss interest in a hotel. He is

interested in learning more about Norwood Young America, but requested that the hotel study be updated since it is three years old. I have not researched the cost to update the hotel study, but would like feedback from the EDC regarding this issue.



DATE: April 14, 2018

MEMO TO: NYA Economic Development Commission

FROM: Holly J. Kreft, Economic Development Consultant

RE: Agenda Item VIII. A. 2018 Goals

Background:

Attached are the 2018 Goals as approved in December of 2017. They will be included in the packet each month for review and updates.

I also contacted Allison Striech with Carver County CDA about the broker event. She said that they would have funds available to host the event, but do not have the staff capacity to plan it. I asked her to provide me with an estimation as to the time she would need for assistance should the EDC be interested in Jo and me helping with that. I will provide an update at the meeting.

Attached are the Facebook Analytics for the EDC Facebook page. Also attached is the draft text for the EDC newsletter. Kelly Hayes will format the articles for the City newsletter. Please let us know if you have any suggested changes or updates.

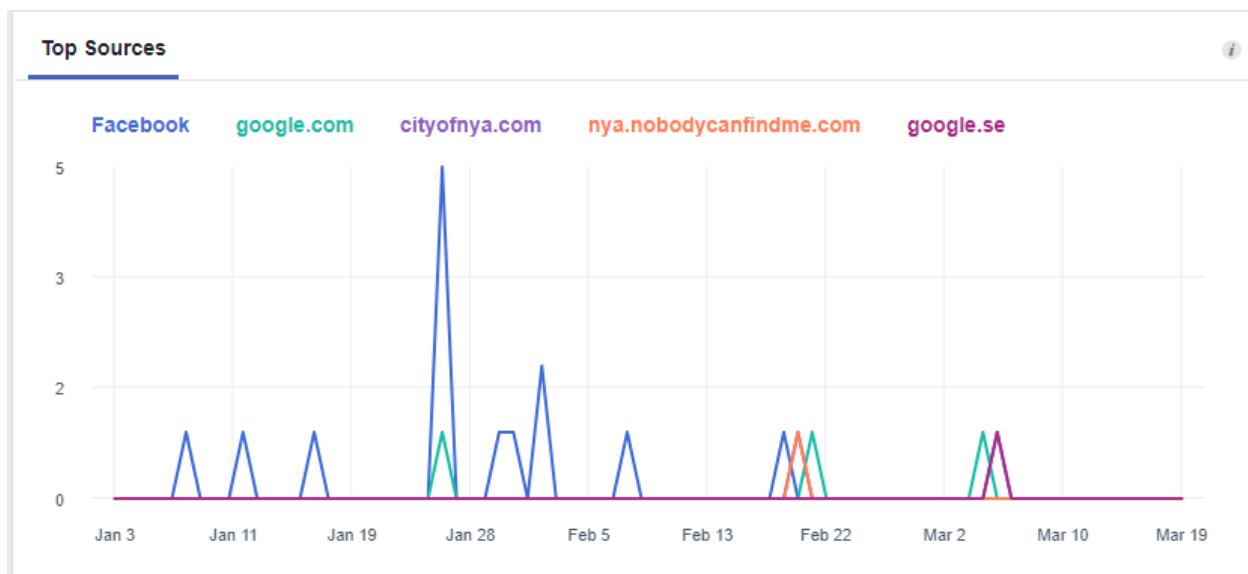
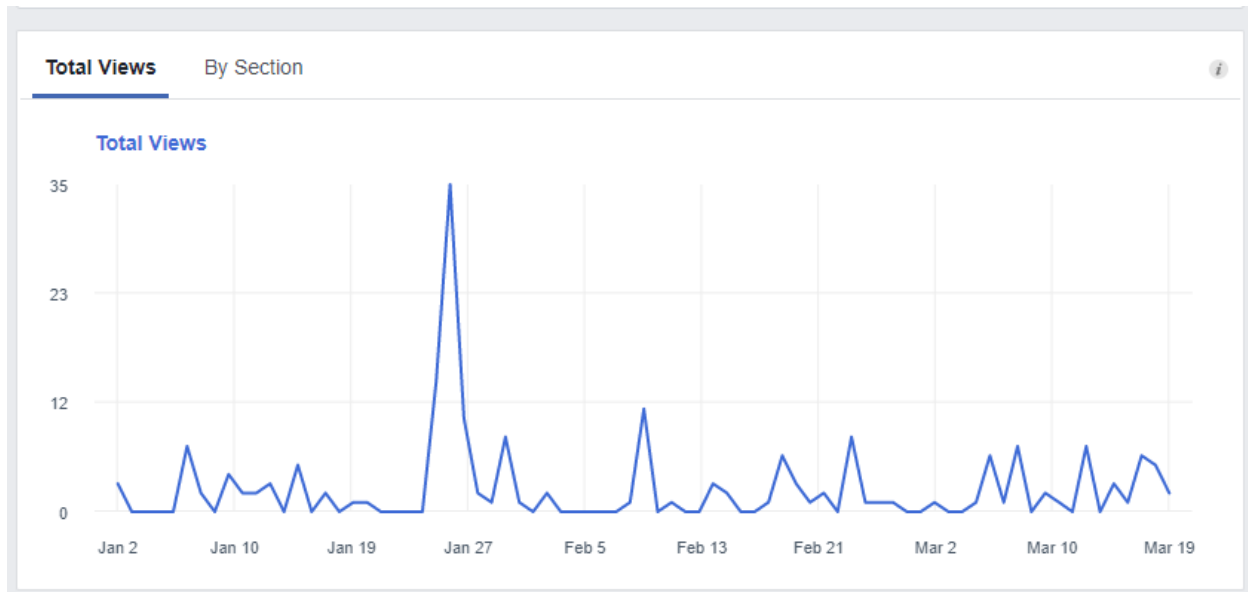
Action:

No action required at this time, only for discussion.




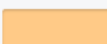






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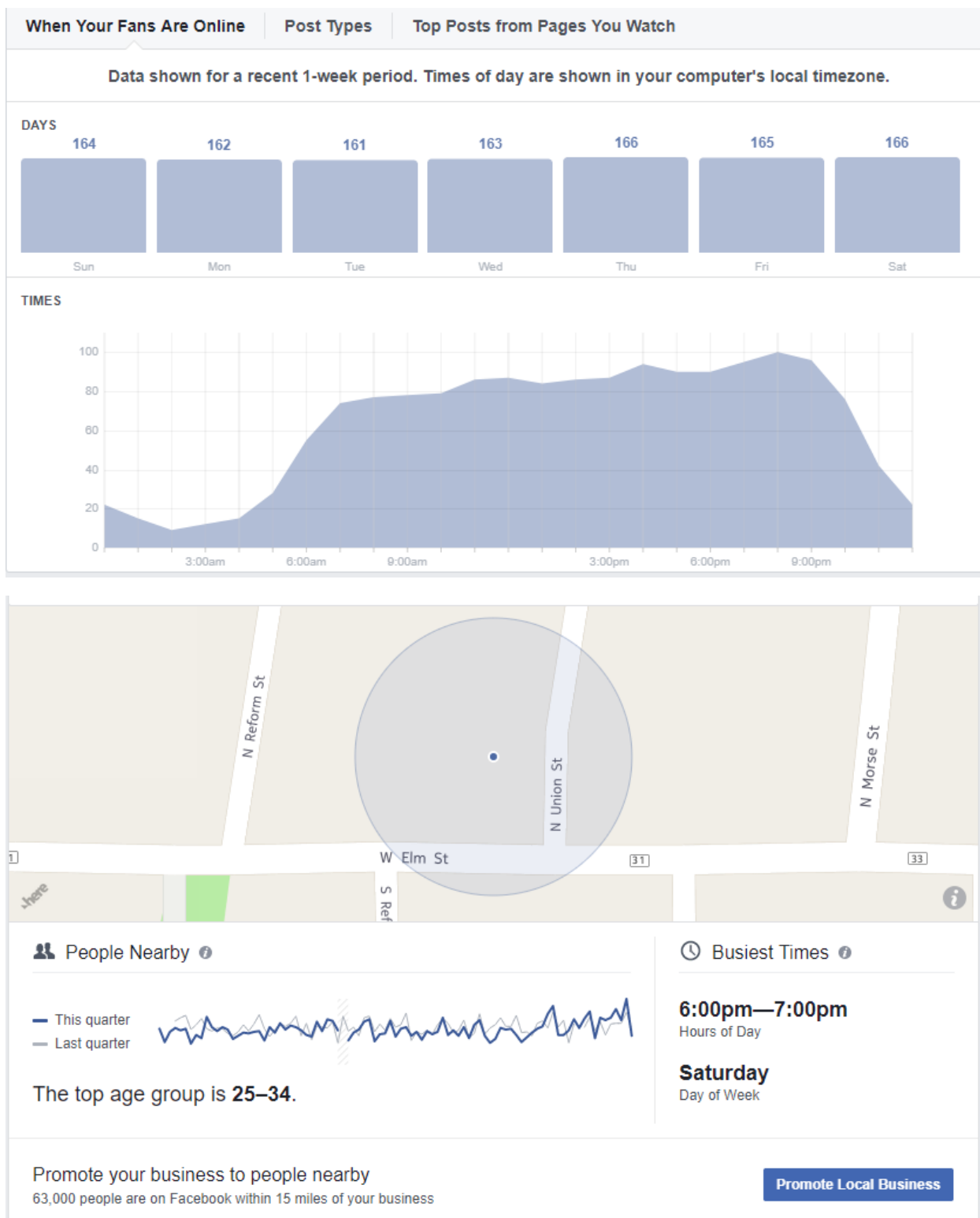
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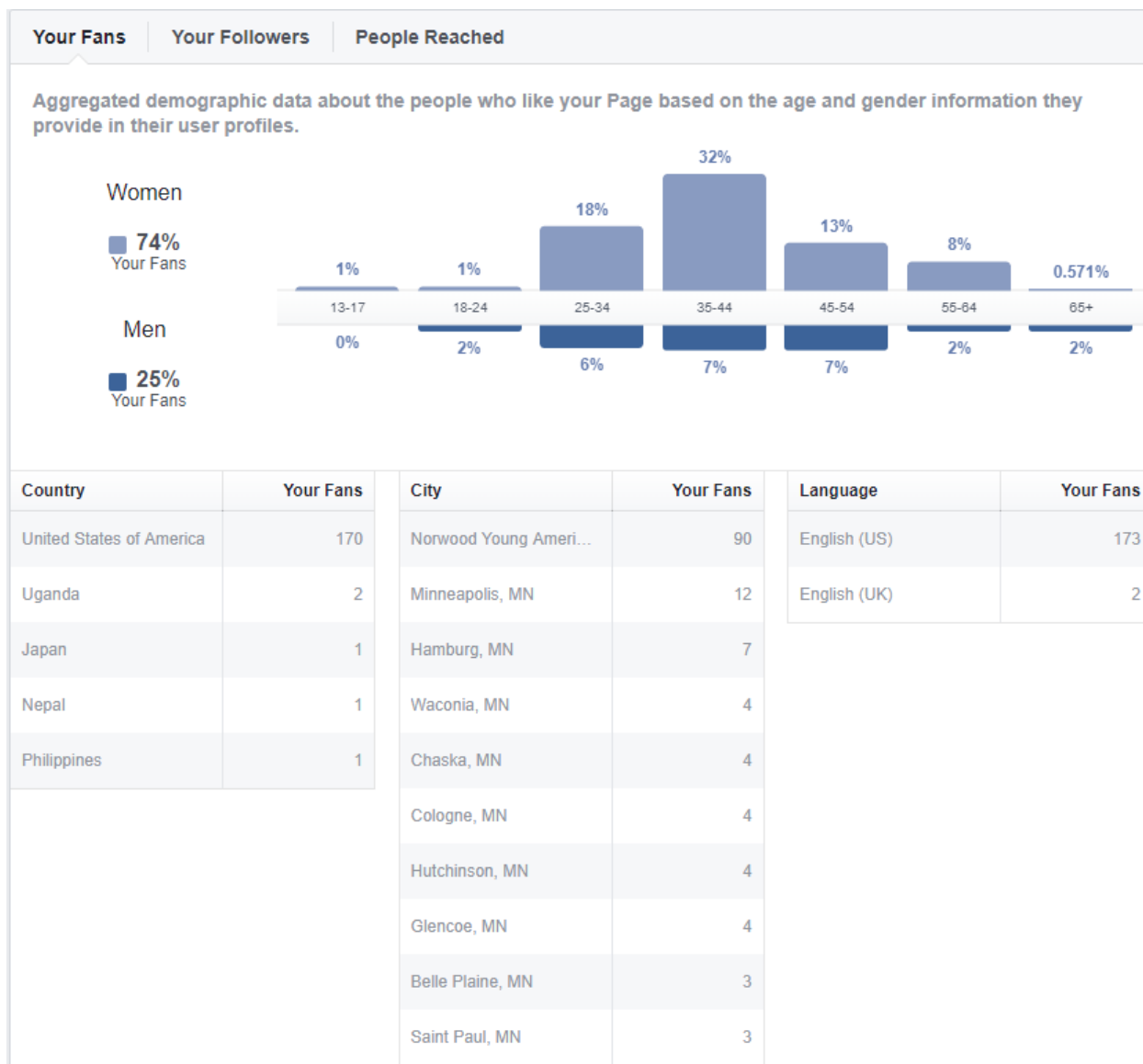
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1	Marketing Goals	Deadline	Assigned To	Notes
2	Construction of entrance monument signs	1st Quarter	Sign Subcommittee	MnDOT grant submitted; base ordered from American ArtStone; quotes for metal sign
3	Develop a streetscaping plan for downtowns and Faxon Road	1st Quarter		Presented to Joint Meeting on March 14th
4	Continue to post on EDC Facebook page			JIT and Serv-a-Dock ribbon cuttings posted in Jan.
5	Continue newsletter inserts with City	Quarterly		1st newsletter will go out in April
6	Work with NYA Times to develop Business Spotlights			1st Spotlight in March was Home Solutions
7				
8	Industrial Development Goals	Deadline	Assigned To	Notes
9	Participate in Carver County Real Estate Expo			Exploring with Carver Co. CDA
10	Participate in southwest Metro marketing/real estate events			
11	Promote the available sites in Tacoma West			Three lots sold to Vickerman Co., two lots under consideration by a company.
12	Host Manufacturer's Week	Oct. 2018		
13	Remain in contact with existing manufacturers			
14				
15	Commercial Development Goals	Deadline	Assigned To	Notes
16	Host National Small Business Week event	2-May-18		Doug and Jeff from Henderson confirmed; May 2nd
17	Conduct ribbon cuttings and ground breakings	Ongoing		Groundbreaking for Vickeran in April
18	Promote the EDC loan program and Open to Business			
19	Investigate the feasibility of applying for Carver County CDA grant			Submitting by May 1st for the Redevelopment Planning Grant
20	Actively promote commercial sites and work with owner/realtors			Sites and flyers are on Web site.
21	Respond to business leads in a timely manner	Ongoing		
22				
23	Collaboration Goals	Deadline	Assigned To	Notes
24	Support the Chamber of Commerce and events			Jointly attending ribbon cuttings, jointly hosting Small Business Week breakfast.
25	Hold quarterly joint meetings in 2018			Meetings held in January and March
26	Continue to work with CDA and Open to Business			
27	Conduct a check-in with businesses one year after opening			1st follow-up with Children of Tomorrow on March 14th

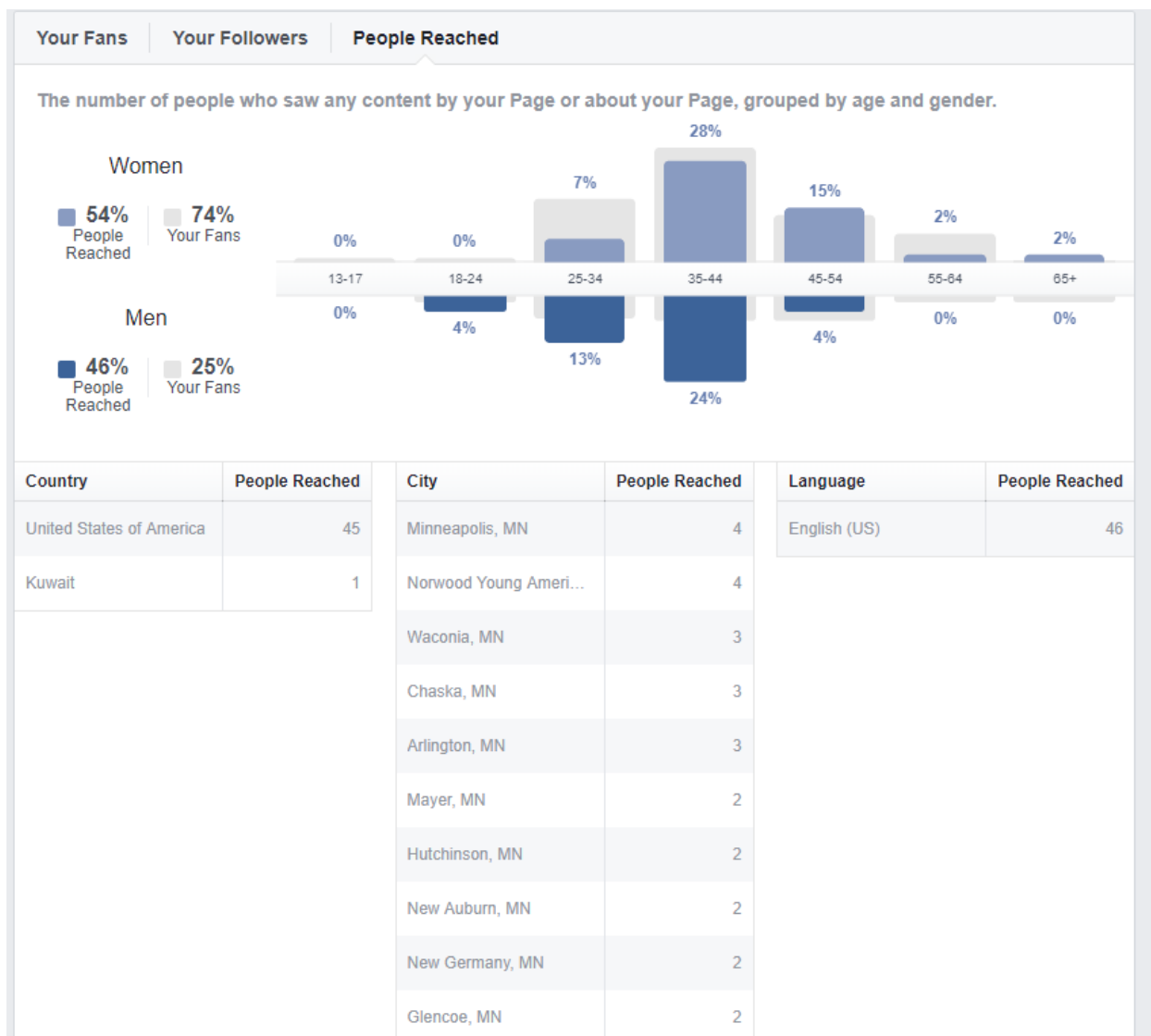


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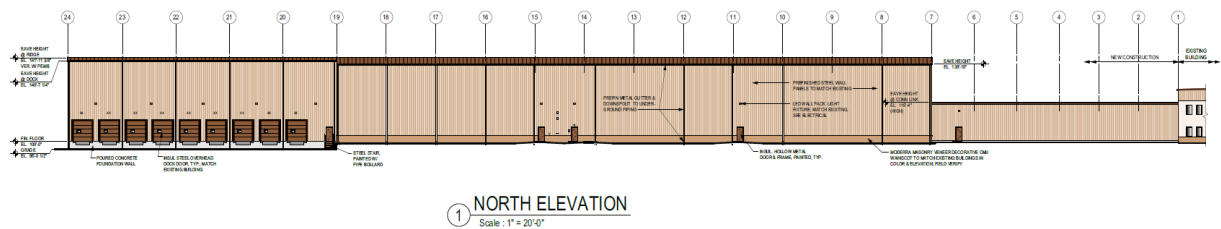


VICKERMAN COMPANIES EXPANSION PROJECT RECEIVES STATE GRANT

Vickerman Companies, which is located in Norwood Young America's Tacoma West Industrial Park, is planning an 118,000 square foot addition to their existing 145,000 square foot building. The company which was incorporated in April, 2004, is a wholesale supplier of 22,000 seasonal décor items for both commercial and home applications, with its largest selling product being artificial Christmas trees. Vickerman Companies' market is primarily domestic, but they do serve customers globally as well.

In support of the expansion in Norwood Young America, the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development recently announced the award of \$110,000 to Vickerman Companies, through their Job Creation Fund. Vickerman Companies plans to create approximately 10 new jobs over the next two years, and invest over \$6 million in the project.

The Norwood Young America Economic Development Authority would like to thank Vickerman Companies for their planned investment in the community!



NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED APRIL 30TH – MAY 5TH

For the past 55 years, the United States Small Business Administration has recognized the impact of Small Businesses in the United States, with various events during “National Small Business Week”. The Norwood Young America Economic Development Commission and Norwood Young America Area Chamber of Commerce are also celebrating small businesses in the community with an appreciation Breakfast Seminar to be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Oak Grove Senior Center Community Room, 114 Reform Street, Norwood Young America. All small businesses are invited to attend. Guest speakers Doug Thomas and Jeff Steinborn, business and building owners in downtown Henderson, will share their inspirational story of a community coming together to create a thriving downtown while maintaining the small town charm. Small Business owners/operators are asked to RSVP by May 1st to Holly Kreft at hkreftmdg@gmail.com or Karen Hallquist at info@nyachamber.org



RIBBON CUTTINGS HELD TO WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES TO NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA!

Two new businesses were welcomed to Norwood Young America in the first quarter of 2018, by the Economic Development Commission and Chamber of Commerce, at ribbon cutting ceremonies.



JIT Metal Finishing, a division of JIT Companies, is located at 700 Railroad St. W. Ron Beltz and Angie Carpenter noted their shop blends your designs with their experience, innovation, and technology to create custom laminated glass, waterjet cutting and straightline metal finishing solutions. Their Norwood Young America site works closely with their headquarters in Green Isle. To learn more about this amazing business, check out their website at www.jitcompanies.com or follow them on Facebook at JIT Companies.



Paul Jeurissen is the owner of **Serv-a-Dock**, which is located at 170 Industrial Boulevard. Serv-a-Dock offers a wide variety of services related to docks, boat lifts and more including sales, installation and maintenance. To learn more about Serv-a-Dock, please see their website at www.servadock.com