

**B.U.I.L.D. Minutes**  
**LOUISVILLE – WE'RE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK**  
**September 10, 2013**  
**Louisville Art Gallery/Temporary Copple Chevrolet Offices**  
**Catered by Springfield Runza**

Members and guests present: Terri Scholting, Dee Arias, Chris Noda, Dave Pankonin, Bob Copple, Mike Krambeck, Greg Shepherd, Bill Kintner, Rafael Weddle, Roberta Pinkerton, Nate Blum and John Yochum.

Terri called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made.

The minutes from the August 6, 2013 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Andy Mixan.**

Dave Pankonin reported the B.U.I.L.D. account balance is \$4,445.64.

**Old Business:**

The sign at the corner of South Depot and Walnut was briefly discussed. Progress is being made by Dana Gray.

**New Business:**

Nate Blum, Field Representative from Congressman Jeff Fortenberry's office was in attendance to discuss legislative issues. Some issues discussed were: transportation, federal farm bill, direct assistance to small businesses at federal level and run-away social programs instead of rewards for helping yourself. Nate also offered the service of contacting federal liaisons when necessary. He wanted everyone to know that he and his group are just a phone call away.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Welcome/Membership Committee: Jean Heim/Nikki Biesterfeld**

Two bags were delivered last month.

**Events Committee: Nancy McManis/Dee Arias**

Nancy has started work on the application forms for Scarecrows on Main.

**Economic Development Committee: John Yochum**

John Yochum reported with positive feedback of ways Louisville is being creative with incentives, such as waiving building permit fees and waiving utility hookup fees within the city limits. He updated the group on several small businesses within the community and county that are making improvements or expansions. John presented some publications with Cass County sections. He also thanked everyone for helping him get the word out on his goals and objectives.

**Presentation Committee: Terri Scholting**

The Main Street banners have been changed. Maintenance of the Welcome to Louisville sign was discussed. Bob Copple will attend the city council meeting tomorrow to request funds to refurbish the signs. There was a brief discussion regarding the safety of the curb cuts on the alley east of Main Street and the necessity to install swinging gates.

**Marketing Committee: Nancy McManis**

No report.

**Fundraising:**

No report.

**Community/Legislative: John Winkler/Jennifer Galbraith**

Dave Pankonin reported that there is a meeting set up with Senator Kintner to further discuss the Highway 50 improvements.

Terri stated that Senator Kintner will be in attendance at another meeting to discuss his awareness of Louisville ideas. Dave Pankonin and Bob Copple encouraged Senator Kintner to try and get Louisville signage back on I-80.

Roberta Pinkerton from OPPD was present with a program that OPPD is offering to better engage its customers. She is open for ideas and invited all business owners to express their concerns and ideas directly to her. Bob Copple wanted Roberta to pass on thanks to OPPD for the pole, installation and help at the Welcome to Louisville sign.

**The next meeting will be at noon, Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at Home State Bank upper level conference room.** Tonee Gay and Randy Sump from Midlands Community Foundation will be special speakers.