**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Special Planning Workshop

The City Council has set a Special Planning Workshop meeting, inviting the Economic Development Authority and Planning and Zoning Commission members for the purpose of discussing planning and economic development efforts for the City.

9:30 A.M. July 28, 2021

Present**:**  Nelson French

Richard DeRosier

Floyd Baker

Shane Hoff

Beth Smuk – left at 10:30 a.m.

Steven VanHouse – P&Z

Ben Bautch - CC

Gary Thompson – Zoning Administrator – Arrived 9:44 a.m.

Lana Fralich – City Administrator – Via ZOOM

David Drown – EDA Director

Joe Rhein – Bolton & Menk – Via ZOOM

Tim Costley – City Attorney – Via ZOOM

Member French called the meeting to order at 9:36 A.M. The Meeting will be conducted in person with option for ZOOM.

David Drown, Economic Development Director, presented an overview of economic development, planning, and future potential for the Bayview Park area that was created by ARI which includes an area for housing, resort, business cluster, natural preservation, and trails. The current design was developed using a similar concept to the North House Folk School area in Grand Marais and was displayed for all members to review and discuss. There was discussion relating to the repurposing of the existing greenhouse, relating the area to Silver Bay’s broader mix of recreational activities, expansion area for future light food manufacturing business, housing developer in line to begin housing portion, finding investors/developers for business cluster area, applying for grant funding where possible, and impacts on planning and zoning. There was further discussion on the pros and cons of having one developer versus multiple developers, availability of housing for employees, lack of industrial areas for businesses, and the need for storage for housing area. Consensus of all members is to have Council review at next City Council meeting and if accepted, refer back to Planning & Zoning to begin with zoning changes.

Motion by DeRosier, second Baker to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. Ayes – French, DeRosier, Baker, Hoff. Absent – Smuk. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson