**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

2:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Present: Nelson French

 Floyd Baker - Arrived at 2:10pm

 Shane Hoff

 Richard DeRosier

 Beth Smuk

 Lana Fralich, City Administrator

Tim Costley, City Attorney

David Drown, Economic Development Director

French called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Agenda** – Motion by DeRosier, second Smuk to approve the agenda with removal of duplicate Summer Music entry. MOTION CARRIED.

**Minutes** – Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve the minutes of the June 9th regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**Lovin Lake County -Rocky Wall Productions Concerts in the Park Series-** French provided information regarding the newly formed Rocky Wall Productions and their goals of providing free concerts in the park and eventually provide a bandshell for the entertainment. There was discussion on the event plans for 2021, funding request to Lovin’ Lake County, working with the Best of the North Shore, vision of a park in city center, and use of local talent. Baker noted that the Best of the North Shore received a grant to purchase equipment to start having movies in the park as well.

OLD BUSINESS

**Business Park Visioning-Site Concept Review –** Drown presented the first draft of the visioning plans for the Business Park that were created by ARI which includes an area for housing, resort, business cluster area, natural preservation area, and trails. There was discussion relating to the repurposing of the existing greenhouse, benefits to the area, timing to build out the project, finding investors/developers, impacts on planning and zoning, and tax base. There was consensus of the EDA board to coordinate a special meeting with EDA, City Council, and Planning & Zoning to review and discuss the vision plan.

**Design Team Spring Visit Status-** Drown reported that members of the EDA have been meeting with business and community leaders to gain letters of support for application to the MN Design Team, which is due by August 1st. It was noted that Council supported submitting application and overall input from the businesses have been positive.

**Golf Course Area Housing Status-** Drown reported the preliminary feasibility plan is being worked on and will have more information next meeting.

**Park Bank Purchase/Lease Back Status-** The EDA reviewed an updated purchase agreement and lease agreement with the Park State Bank. There was discussion on financing and surveying work to be completed before action is taken.

**Consolidation of Service at Wm. Kelly School Status-** Fralich provided an update on the school district’s pending improvements to the school, potential collaboration with the city and county for space needs relating to library, mechanic/bus garage, and offices, and the timeframe of the school’s referendum.

**Eli Yachts Status-** Drown reported he continues to work with Eli Yachts on moving forward with their business plan regarding expansion within the marina.

NEW BUSINESS

**EDA Research Options-**

**Relocate Visitor Center/History Center –** Drown and French reported that Lovin Lake Co has money in their budget to staff a visitor center in Silver Bay, but would not include rent or building expenses. There was discussion on locations, interest by tourists for a physical location vs. digital information, and combining with the Bay Area Historical Center.

**Burk Drive- in-fill Apartments-** Drown reported on a vacant 2-acre lot for sale on Burk Drive that would be a potential location for a housing complex. Consensus of EDA board to continue looking into property for housing.

Motion by DeRosier, second Baker to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. Aye-Baker, DeRosier, Hoff, French. Smuk MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson