

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

2:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Present: Nelson French
Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff
Beth Smuk
Floyd Baker

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney via ZOOM
David Drown, Economic Development Director

French called the meeting to order at 2.04 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes – Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS- Noted that changes and ordinances for the business park have been approved by Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – Continuing to work with Boathouse Bay Developer and completed the MN Design Team visit.

OLD BUSINESS –

Housing Incentive Program Agreement- Currently there are 8 people interested, City Attorney is working on drafting a contract. There was discussion on potential lots available.

Design Team Visit Review- Board reviewed the MN Design Team visit summary. Discussion regarding citizen input relating to lack of food/retail stores, street conditions, affordable senior housing, and maintaining our small-town charm and natural resources in the future. Further discussion followed on downtown area and vision from MN Design Team, developing a group of stakeholders to implement possible changes, discussing if a sales tax to fix streets is an option, and creating a conceptual design like what was done for Bayview Park. The Board reviewed Highway 61 proposed bypass plans for Duluth, there was a consensus for David to obtain a proposal for conceptual design for the next meeting.

Boathouse Bay Status- Developer has re-submitted his application with no significant changes, awaiting final financial paperwork, and Planning & Zoning will be setting public hearings for July 6th. Council has authorized starting the bidding process to allow the developer to see where bids come in, choose a contractor and it will determine if the city's portion of utilities will fall within the parameters of the TIF. Discussion of possibility of public improvement bids higher than anticipated.

NEW BUSINESS-

Set Joint City Council, EDA, Planning & Zoning Planning Workshop Meetings- The City Council has invited the EDA and Planning and Zoning Boards to participate in joint planning workshops to discuss future planning efforts of the city. There are no decisions made, only discussions. Motion by DeRosier, second Baker to hold monthly joint planning workshop meetings on following dates: June 22nd, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, and October 19th, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson