

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

2:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Present: Nelson French
Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff
Steve VanHouse
Katelyn Goutermont
Alex Truax

Absent: Beth Smuk

Tim Costley, City Attorney
David Drown, Economic Development Director
Rick Evans, Northshore Journal
Chuckie Knudson Janey Knaffla
Carolyn Hudyma Marcia Oates

French called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Minutes – Motion by VanHouse, second Truax to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS- None at this time.

Economic Development Director- Drown reported there is a lot going on, updates on Boathouse Bay has been approved and finalized with construction beginning soon on the public sewer & water improvements, holding ponds.

Green New deal housing had expressed interest in working with the city to renovate homes to make energy efficient and put on market, initial estimates were very expensive but they are still interested in doing basic insulating, new windows, and heating. Drown is waiting for a proposal. Discussion followed regarding potential grants to cover cost, and eligibility requirements.

HRA Apartment Housing Project- DeRosier stated there will be a HRA meeting to discuss moving ahead with project. HRA will need city support in the form of creating a TIF district, but County HRA's have the power to establish and manage Tax Increment Districts with pre-approval of communities.

Ad Campaign to relocate families to Silver Bay- Drown has met with advertising firm and received a proposal. Discussion regarding getting information to target audience, internet billboard, and what type of advertising would work best.

OLD BUSINESS –

Golf Course Subdivision Update- Proposed zoning changes and potential new zoning district for the Golf Course Subdivision will be presented during a public hearing of Planning & Zoning later today. Commission reviewed proposed code changes. VanHouse requested that any Planning & Zoning members not comment prior to Public Hearing. Once proposed changes go thru Planning & Zoning, then EDA will discuss.

Janey Knaffla asked when the Planning & Zoning Public Hearing was announced.

MSA Letter and Plans- No discussion. City Attorney stated that it is all zoning commission responsibility. Member Hoff questioned intent of designer for buildings.

NEW BUSINESS- None at this time.

Marcia Oates expressed concern regarding the large number of homes for sale in the city. Discussion regarding cooling of market and interest rates hurting sales.

Motion by VanHouse, second Truax to adjourn at 2:26 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson.