



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting  
Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

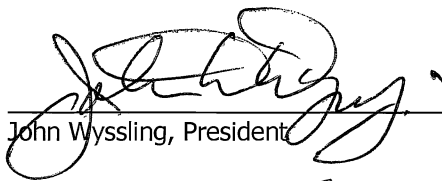

1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Wyssling, John		X	X	
Gary Burnett	X			
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the July 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion** by Ramme to accept the July 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Sclafani. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda  
**Motion** by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration
  - A. Redevelopment Ready Communities – Discussion of Pamida building and Wells Fargo building.
    - I. Director Bergman introduced the requirements to get certified as a redevelopment ready community and discussed a potential site that can be marketed.
  - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
    - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development – Burnett, Sclafani
      1. Sclafani stated that they meet monthly and are working on fundraising.
    - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Korpela
      1. No update.
    - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools – All Members
      1. Director Bergman stated that he has been meeting with Ryon List with Gogebic Community College on some opportunities.
    - IV. Strategy 6.6(e) Create a 5-year marketing plan – Sclafani, Thorsen
      1. Director Bergman stated that they haven't met since the last meeting.
    - V. Strategy 6.3(f) Expansion of Fiber throughout community
      1. Director Bergman stated that the fiber connection to the City offices is moving slowly. He also talked about the new wireless service being provided by the Ironwood Carnegie Library. Director Bergman stated that service providers are looking at placing a tower on the top of Mt. Zion.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: October 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. **Second** by Sclafani. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

  
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John Wyssling, President  
  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant