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## Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, November 1, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, November 1, 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			
Lemke, Joseph		X		
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave		X	X	
Ruppe, Mark	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 October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion** by Burnett to accept the October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Thorsen to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Burnett. **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 – Potential strategies for redevelopment.

I. Director Bergman stated that the City is closer to getting certified. Director Bergman introduced a map of potential redevelopment sites. Sclafani discussed Bookworld as a new site. Burnett discussed the need for the EDC to move forward with these sites without the certification. Sclafani stated that the Gogebic County Brownfield Authority is identifying vacant buildings. Burnett discussed the need to create a plan to attract development to present to developers. Burnett discussed finding the problems using a survey and then exposing them to fix them. Burnett stated that he would like for Community Development to find a priority site and to reach out to companies each month to get development.

B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development – Burnett, Sclafani

1. Director Bergman stated that he wanted a side meeting to look at different options.

II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Korpela

1. Korpela stated that she has been starting meetings with potential stakeholders.

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 nothing is new on the topic.

IV. Strategy 6.6(e) Create a 5-year marketing plan – Sclafani, Thorsen

1. Director Bergman stated that the Committee did not meet this month but will talk about the structure at the next meeting.

V. Strategy 6.3(f) Expansion of Fiber throughout community

1. Director Bergman stated that fiber is now in the City Offices. He also talked about the potential for fixed wireless on the top of Mt. Zion.

8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: December 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

  
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John Wyssling, President

  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant