



Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 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

	Present			
MEMBER	YES	NO	EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Thorsen, Gina	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X	X	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob	X			
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett		X	X	
Quorum	6	3	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the March 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the March 7, 2017 meeting minutes. **Second** by Ramme. **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 – Potential strategies for redevelopment.
 - I. Update on certification.
 1. Director Bergman stated that the zoning ordinance is the next update which will guide us to the zoning ordinance revision.
 - II. Redevelopment Sites.
 1. Director Bergman stated that Bookworld has been purchased and Chelsi's is now in it. Medical Marijuana was brought up and Director Bergman gave a brief overview of where the City is at.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
 1. Director Bergman stated that Gary will be back soon.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces.
 1. Director Bergman talked about an event coming up called Invent @NMU.
 - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools.
 1. Director Berman shared a video with the group. He stated that he met with Amy Berglund with the MEDC for an update for the Marshall Plan.
 - IV. Strategy 6.6(e) Create a 5-year marketing plan.
 1. Director Bergman stated that the plan will be run by the marketing committee before the next meeting.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: May 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ramme to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

John Wyssling, President

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant