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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, June 6, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, June 6, 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

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

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

3. Approval of the May 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

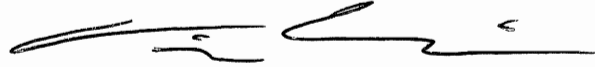
Motion by Schobberg to accept the May 2, 2018 meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 6 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 contracts with the consultants have been signed. Director Bergman stated that one or two members from the EDC and the DIDA may be requested to help in the discussions.
 - II. Redevelopment Sites.
 1. Director Bergman discussed the Chelsi's Corner lot. Wyssling stated that he had a bite on the old Wells Fargo building.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
 1. Director Bergman discussed the Northern Michigan University Smart Zone and Invent@NMU. He gave an overview of the program and discussed how it could be implemented in our area.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces.
 1. This item was discussed in the previous item.
 - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools.
 1. This item was discussed in the previous item.
 - IV. Strategy 6.6(e) Create marketing plan.
 1. Director Bergman is looking for a recommendation to the City Commission to adopt the marketing plan.
Motion by Thorsen to recommend to the City Commission to adopt the marketing plan. **Second** by Schonberg. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
8. Other Business: Thorsen stated that the paid sick leave proposal at the state will be adopted.
9. Next Meeting: August 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**


John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant