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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, October 3, 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	X	
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob	X			
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett	X			
Quorum	7	2	Quorum	

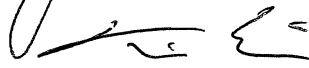
Also Present: Community Development Strategist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the September 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Ramme to accept the September 5, 2018 meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela.
Motion Carried 7 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Burnett. **Motion Carried 7 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): Director Meyer with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce invited the EDC members to the Upper Peninsula Chamber Alliance meeting at Cold Iron Brewing on October 3, 2018. The topic of the meeting will be about hospitality for businesses.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration
 - A. Redevelopment Ready Communities – Potential strategies for redevelopment.
 - I. Update on certification. – Zoning ordinance revision.
 1. Bergman stated that the review of the ordinance will be given soon and will be brought before the EDC when available. Some of the items to be reviewed will be in association with the commercial districts in the City.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development – Angel network program next steps.
 1. Update on Economic Development Organization for Region.
 - a. Director Bergman talked about the potential to have a regional economic development organization. Due to the prison closure, the State may be willing to fund a regional EDC and funding mechanism for economic development activities.
 2. Update on Marketing Booklet and Business Assistance Booklet.
 - a. The Marketing Booklet was introduced. The EDC talked about the need for more advertising for businesses looking to locate in the City.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Update on project with GCC and invent@NMU.
 1. Bergman invited the EDC to the introduction event on October 11th.
 - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools. – Glen Ackerman-Behr to talk about Marshall Plan.
 1. Mr. Ackerman-Behr talked about a new State program called the Marshall Plan for Talent. Burnett requested that the Marshall Plan for Talent be included on the next Agenda.
8. Other Business: Wyssling talked about the need for the schools to come up with programs to get the youth to work in the community. Ramme talked about the need to help local businesses in front of potential future businesses.
9. Next Meeting: November 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Schonberg to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant