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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. via ZOOM

1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina	X			
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob	x			
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett	X			
Quorum	7	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the November 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Thorsen to accept the November 4, 2020 meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela.
Motion Carried 6 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Lemke 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. 2021 Goals.

- I. Redevelopment Ready Communities Development and Priority Sites.
- II. MEDC Grants (i.e. Build to Suit Grant).
- III. Internal Marketing (Outreach and education for Hospitality Industry).

1. The EDC discussed adding the TIF District to the goals.

Adjournment. **Motion** by Schonberg to approve the 2021 goals with the addition of the TIF District for Downtown. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

B. COVID-19 Business Update: Director Bergman discussed the financial opportunities for businesses to apply to receive relief funding. He discussed doing some press releases when funding becomes available. Thorsen asked about the health of the restaurant industry in Ironwood. Bergman talked about potentially create a short-term goal for when restaurants can open.

C. Update on TIF District for Downtown: Director Bergman said that the zoning ordinance needs to be updated first.

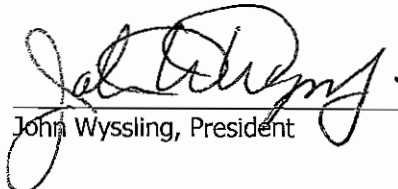
D. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment License Application Update: Director Bergman said that he had 16 total requests from 8 different applicants. The City has 45 days of review.

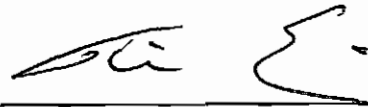
E. Zoning Ordinance Update: Director Bergman said that the zoning ordinance is about 75% complete. He is currently working on the zoning map and district language with the consultants. The Corporation will be receiving a draft with some highlighted areas to review and give input.

8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: February 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. **Second** by Lemke. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**


John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant