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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
 Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in the Memorial Building Auditorium.

1. Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Nomination by: Corcoran for Meyer as Chairperson.

Motion by Korpela to elect Meyer as Chairperson. **Second** by Corcoran. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

Nomination by: Corcoran for Ackerman-Behr as Vice-Chairperson

Motion by Corcoran to elect Ackerman-Behr as Vice-Chairperson. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

3. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Lemke, Joseph		X	X	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Glen Ackerman-Behr	X			
Carolyn Libby	X			
Quorum	6	3	Quorum	

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

4. Approval of the December 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Corcoran to accept the meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

5. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Corcoran to approval the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): Steve Lehto from Michigan Works updated the Corporation with a new hire at the office. He had two Ironwood companies that were awarded Michigan Works training funding.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. Approval of 2022 Meeting schedule (Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, Jun. 1, Jul. 6, Aug. 3, Sep. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7).

Motion by Ruppe to approval the meeting schedule. **Second** by Ackerman-Behr. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

B. 2022 Goals (Review of 2021 Goals).

I. Redevelopment Ready Communities Development Sites – MEDC Grants (i.e. Build Ready Sites Grant): Director Berman updated the Corporation on the Build Ready Sites Grant. The zoning ordinance will be updated soon to get the City of Ironwood closer to RRC Certification. Once the City is certified, more programming will become available.

II. Internal Marketing: Director Bergman talked about the volunteer fair completed by the Ironwood Chamber and the Parks and Rec Committee parks user survey completed as a result of the fair. The Ironwood Chamber hosted Kwik Trip for a hospitality training at the Aurora Club. He discussed potentially renewing the marketing plan. Korpela suggested updating the comprehensive plan. The EDC suggested doing an overview of the accomplishments of the Plan. Director Bergman talked about the need for housing and may be a possible goal for the next year. Ackerman-behr would like a discussion about labor and resource. The group discussed the housing study and the need to get the data to get goals. Libby discussed the beauty of living here and why she moved. She also discussed upgrading Curry Park to get more RV tourists in the community. The Corporation discussed the need for improved healthcare, dentists, and eyecare. Marketing community resources could be a good priority.

- III. TIF District for Downtown: Staff has received two proposals for the TIF District and Downtown Plan.
- C. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment License Application Update: The first license is close to getting issued. Another retail establishment will be licensed in the next three or four months. The corporation discussed the licenses and the applicants.
- D. Zoning Ordinance Update and timeline: The City Commission and the Planning Commission is having a workshop to discuss the zoning ordinance. There will most likely be one more public hearing with the Planning Commission.
9. Other Business: Corcoran asked about reaching out to the members that haven't been attending meetings.
10. Next Meeting: March 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant