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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room.

1. Chairman Meyer 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			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Lehto, Steve	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Corcoran, Kim	X			
Raush, Ken	X			
Vacant				
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	X			
Libby, Carolyn	X			
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the January 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes.  
**Motion by Ackerman-Behr to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion Carried 7 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda.  
**Motion by Ackerman-Behr to approve the Agenda with the correction to next meeting date. Second by Corcoran. 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): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Approve the 2024 goals: Director Bergman went through each housing goal. Ackerman-Behr asked about adding blighted properties to the list. Blighted commercial properties with housing components are part of the DIDA goals. Housing condition analysis could be completed by WUPPDR. Long term rentals and making those priority over short term rentals was discussed. Ackerman-Behr would like a report from the City to show incentive structures for long term and short-term rentals.

I. Housing

- Learn about the role of Housing Commission
- Water Study Letter Process
- Substandard Lot Development
- Alternative Structure Infill Development (Building Code Requirements)
- Short-term rental and long-term rental issues
- Create easier access to Surplus Property Information
- Vacant Property Analysis

**Motion by Thorsen to approve the 2024 goals. Second by Korpela.  
Motion Carried 8 to 0.**

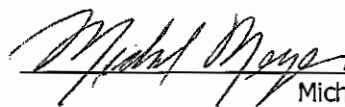
8. Other Business: Ackerman-Behr introduced the new workforce development director.

Lehto discussed the opening of Marshalls in March. Ollies is another new retailer that is opening in 2024. A new AT&T store is potentially coming onto US2.

Meyer discussed the University of Michigan Survey and a presentation that is scheduled at Cold Iron Brewing to discuss the results. The arts and culture alliance is also hosting an event revealing the impact that arts and culture have on our economy. Ackerman-Behr asked if there could be a conversation with the tourism bureau. Having a discussion with the tourism entities could be scheduled with the EDC.

9. Next Meeting: March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ackerman-Behr to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. **Second** by Libby. **Motion Carried 8 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant