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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, April 3, 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	X	
Vacant				
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	X			
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	7	1	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson. Rausch joined by video but is marked absent.

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 Corcoran to approve the Agenda with the correction to next meeting date. Second by Korpela. 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): The Workforce Development Director addressed the Corporation with the summer youth camp event for career exploration. She asked for general support or for anyone interested to participate.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. Housing

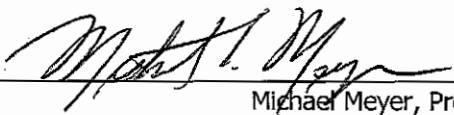
- I. Housing Commission Role: Director Bergman will be reaching out to the housing commission to join the next meeting. Ackerman-Behr suggested that the EDC plan the next meeting around their schedule.
- II. Water Study Letter Process: Bergman will be getting the attorney's opinion on releasing information.
- III. Substandard Lot Development: This item will be addressed in the housing plan. The City is proceeding with the Master Plan update which will address some of this. A meeting between the Planning Commission and the EDC was suggested. A developer guidebook will come out of the housing study to be able to guide development in the City. Korpela suggested that Ackerman-Behr should create a spark plan that could get into the comprehensive plan that is coming up.
- IV. Alternative Structure Infill Development: Building Code Requirements:
- V. Short-term and long-term Rental Issues: MSU Extension did a webinar regarding short term rentals and he will be distributing the recording to the EDC. Zoning and licensing were mainly discussed in the webinar.
- VI. Easy Access to Surplus Property Information: The Planning Commission is reviewing the Surplus Property Policy. Since the zoning ordinance has recently changed, the process will be changed a bit.
- VII. Vacant Property Analysis: MSHDA has vacancy information on our area which will be shared.
- VIII. Blighted Properties Analysis: The Cinnaire housing project wasn't approved for funding through MSHDA. The 9% grant was discussed and why the project didn't score well.

- B. Gina Thorsen Federal Reserve Questions: Thorsen addressed the Corporation and asked how each person in the Corporation felt about the state of the economy or their businesses. Burton Industries is hosting the next business after 5 events.


8. Other Business: Corcoran is running for State Representative against Greg Markkanen. Lehto mentioned the 1 UP event that is being hosted in Marquette. Michigan Works is hosting an educator tour with the various manufacturers in the region.

9. Next Meeting: May 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Lehto to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant