



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Women's Club Room.

1. Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll.

	Present			
MEMBER	YES	NO	EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Vacant				
Lehto, Steve	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Corcoran, Kim	X			
Raush, Ken	X			
Virshek, Danielle	X			
Ackerman-Behr, Glen		X	X	
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	6	2	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Raush. 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. Housing.

I. Update on Vacant Home Letter: Director Bergman received a few responses from the process. One person bought a house on speculation or moving to Ironwood.

II. Strategic Housing Plan Update: The open house had been conducted the previous week. About 15 people showed up to the presentation. The housing portion of the plan will be in review and a recommendation of approval at the next meeting.

B. 2025 Goal Strategies: Prioritization of these goals is still needed. Staff talked with GCC and their housing program to do a project together. A local developer was also contacted to work with the City on housing development. The City is currently implementing the housing rehab portion of the Mi Neighborhood Grant. Staff is trying to facilitate new housing utilizing this grant and to apply for another round of rehab funding. Regional EDO meetings are happening monthly with state and regional partners. Creating a new EDO is the objective of the meetings. Surplus property analysis is part of the housing plan. The Norrie school site houses are complete and will be for sale soon. Corcoran is hoping that the developer will be doing an open house to tour the houses. The potential for a housing TIF to encourage development was discussed. There is nothing to report on the ambassadorship program. Bergman talked about the potential purpose of the ambassadorship program. The next generation initiative was discussed.

- Facilitate placement of new home (12 months).
- Regional EDO (ongoing multiyear, regional effort).
- Access to Surplus Property Information (12 months).
- Vacant Property Analysis (12 months).
- Ambassadorship program.
- Prioritization of goals.

8. Other Business: 210 S. Suffolk St. building was discussed. The building previously received a grant for stabilizing the building. There are a few questions and issues that need to be addressed to move forward with the project.


Libby talked about spring cleaning and issues with secondhand stores. She talked about doing a city-wide garage sale. Some of the details were discussed of how to create an event and how the current process works. The Civic Center could be used for this type of event.

9. Next Meeting: May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Corcoran to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. **Second** by Virshek. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant