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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room.

1. Ackerman-Behr 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	X	
Vacant				
Lehto, Steve	X			
Meyer, Michael		X	X	
Corcoran, Kim	X			
Raush, Ken	X			
Virshek, Danielle	X			
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	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 June 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Corcoran to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Raush. Motion Carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Raush. Motion Carried 5 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.

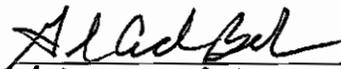
- A. Comprehensive Plan Update: Kevin Clarke with HKGI presented the draft overview of the housing and economic development chapter. Ackerman-Behr would like housing to be discussed in the Economic Development chapter. The two companies that are successful have manufacturing locations not in Ironwood. Smart Zones could fit well with the GCC and the industrial park businesses.
- B. 2025 Goal Strategies: Bergman talked about a project with Invest UP to finance up to 4 new housing units. This could be done as a revolving loan. Doing single family homes as well as multifamily developments was discussed. A letter of intent has been submitted to the Office of Rural Prosperity. Some of the county foreclosure properties could be acquired for infill development. Prioritization of goals will be removed from future agendas.
 - 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: GCC has paused two programs due to extremely low enrollment. The high school CTE program is producing students to enter the workforce which causes the college course to become irrelevant. He suggested that the EDC make a recommendation to the college trustees.

Motion by Ackerman-Behr that the EDC draft a recommendation to sustain the programs. Second by Lehto. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

Corcoran talked about a program that is run through the prisons to help with housing projects. Corcoran asked for an update on Cinnaire housing project. Staff doesn't have an update on the project. The Wells Fargo building was discussed. 210 Suffolk Street project is dead.

- 9. Next Meeting: August 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
- 10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ackerman-Behr to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. **Second** by Lehto **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**


 Ackerman-Behr Michael Meyer, President ~~Vice President~~


 Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant