

**Minnetonka Economic Development Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**May 26, 2016
6 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Aanenson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

EDAC commissioners present: Benita Bjorgo, Ken Isaacson, Jacob Johnson, Jerry Knickerbocker, Charlie Yunker, and Kathryn Aanenson. Michael Happe was absent.

Staff present: Community Development Director Julie Wischnack.

3. Approval of March 23, 2016 Minutes

Knickerbocker moved, Isaacson seconded a motion to recommend that the EDAC approve the minutes from the March 23, 2016 meeting as included in the agenda. Bjorgo, Isaacson, Johnson, Knickerbocker, Yunker, and Aanenson voted yes. Happe was absent. Motion passed.

4. Review EIP

Wischnack reviewed updates made to the EIP.

Aanenson appreciated the council comments being included.

Johnson found the matrix helpful. He suggested including information regarding the city's allocation of resources to promote business attraction, retention, and expansion to provide an understanding of the city's resources. Wischnack stated that she will add a column identifying projects that utilized those funds in a particular year. Aanenson agreed that providing all of the sources would be helpful.

Knickerbocker moved, Isaacson seconded a motion to recommend that the city council review the economic improvement plan as submitted. Bjorgo, Isaacson, Johnson, Knickerbocker, Yunker, and Aanenson voted yes. Happe was absent. Motion passed.

5. Staff Report

Wischnack reported:

- The Federal Transit Administration published the final environmental impact study (EIS). Plans for the Opus station are being reviewed. Stewart Companies filed a lawsuit against SWLRT and the metropolitan council for allegations of noise issues that were not addressed in the EIS. The transit cooperative agreement was extended by the city council until 2017.
- A neighborhood meeting was held regarding property the city owns on Shady Oak Road.
- TCF bank provided revised plans to the city council on May 16, 2016.
- The music barn site's project is on hold. The applicant is working on funding.
- Links to current planning projects were provided.
- Prestige School will be replacing the former Kraemer Hardware building. Demolition should occur this summer.
- Neighborhood meetings have been conducted for Villa West, a 6-villa proposal on Highway 7. A formal application has not been received yet.
- A formal application for the 350-unit Lecesse Apartment project is expected this summer. It would be located on the south side of Opus.
- The building permit for Cherrywood Pointe is being reviewed.
- The Highland Bank building is under construction.
- At-Home Apartments construction continues on the 106-unit-apartment building on Rowland Road with sheetrock being installed.
- The Pagel Center ice arena expansion has not started yet. Plans are being reviewed.
- The city council will be reviewing plans for the Glen Lake village center in June.

Isaacson stated that he supports providing an incentive for the Lecesse proposal to include affordable units. Wischnack confirmed that the Applewood project includes nine affordable units. She will provide details on how that would work with a cooperative at the next meeting.

In response to Knickerbocker's question, Wischnack provided the storm-water plan for Prestige School. There is a cross-driveway easement in place. The project would create better access for the site than what is there today.

Wischnack continued the staff report:

- The city received 75 pre-applications for the Small Project Loan program. There will be 25 loans funded this year.
- There will be a display at Summer Fest illustrating the strategic planning report.
- There will be a hydro tour at Pillsbury on June 2, 2016.

- The annual housing summit will be June 8, 2016 at Dorsey and Whitney in downtown Minneapolis.
- The housing gaps analysis discussion will be held in the Minnehaha Room at 6 p.m. on June 20, 2016.

6. Other Business

The next EDAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 6 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Knickerbocker moved, Isaacson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.