

Frankenmuth Economic Development Corporation
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2021

In accordance with an order issued November 18, 2020 by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the meeting was held remotely in order to ensure that the City of Frankenmuth complies with limits on gatherings. This meeting was open to the public and public participation is allowed and encouraged.

Attending: Chris Rittmueller, Tamara Tsulaia Abby Curtis, Joe Cramer, Vickie Schmitzer, Todd Jennings, Tim Hildner, and Mike Fassezke
Absent: Beth Reindel, Brandon Muller, John Benson, Jamie Furbush, Mike Grossi and Michael Southgate

Also attending were Mayor Mary Ann Ackerman, Bridget Smith and Sheila Stamiris.

A roll call of members was held to determine attendance and the location of each participating member who were located in various locations in Frankenmuth. A quorum of members participated. There was no public input.

The minutes of the EDC meeting of December 17, 2020, were approved as written. Stamiris notes that the October meeting is October 21, not October 14 as stated in the 2021 Meeting Dates Report.

The board approved the slate of officers to include Chris Rittmueller as Chairman, Mike Fassezke as Vice Chairman and Todd Jennings as Secretary. Hildner moved; Curtis seconded.

Business Park. Staff shared that the business who inquired about the Business Park remains interested, but likely won't make any decisions until late Spring, early summer. Staff continues the discussion.

A proposal has been received from Consumers to install four lights on the south side of Keystone Way. The cost will be special assessed amount property owners. City staff asks if it's time to construction sidewalks in this same area. After discussion, it was concluded by consensus to wait for more development in the area before building sidewalks.

Ascension St. Mary's Project. Staff reports that weekly meetings with the Steering Committee and Sports Facilities continue. It is not likely a swimming pool or ice rink will be constructed with the initial project. Interviews with stakeholders including athletic representatives were positive towards the development. The report for the A/St Mary's project is due by the end of January. Staff shared the real estate information sent to the A/St Mary's real estate department, noting that this information is useful for other developments.

2021-2022 EDC Budget. Staff shared the budget for the EDC for this year and the work plan (last reviewed in 2020.) Housing remains a priority. A real estate fam tour was suggested as an option when Covid restrictions are lifted. The budget will be proposed for the February 18 EDC meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Stamiris