



City of Lincoln Park, Michigan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) & BROWNFIELD

REDEVELOPMENTT AUTHORITY (BRA)

MINUTES OF August 8, 2023

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Tom Karnes at 6 P.M.

Present: Tom Karnes, Larry Edge, Kara Hildebrandt, Gary Eggesfield, Debbie Van Cleave, Christie Kerr, Sel Alvarado (Attending 7; quorum 5).

Absent: Matt Widby

Also Present: Brandon Frye, Interim Executive Director, William Look, Attorney

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Debbie Van Cleave

Support: Larry Edge

Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of EDC & BRA on June 13, 2023. *There are no minutes for the July EDC Meeting due to its cancellation*.

Motion to approve: Gary Eggesfield

Support: Kara Hildebrandt

Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Invoices:

William Look, EDC June Invoice- \$170.00

Motion to approve: Kara Hildebrandt

Support: Gary Egglesfield

Motion approved unanimously.

5. Financial Reports:

The financial reports were presented by the Director to the board and made part of these minutes by reference.

6. Old Business:

a. EV Stations in the Southfield Median

During our EDC board meeting Wayne County Commissioner Cara Clemente stopped by and informed us that she and Wayne County DPS will work with us to bring EV chargers to this location. The first step in this process is the go-ahead from the commissioner and the DPS to have the DDA director submit a permit application. From there, we will all work together to resolve obtaining an easement so that DTE can sufficiently power the area for the chargers.

b. Southfield Road Diet Project

The Director informed the board of a potential pilot program that would run on a limited basis that would serve as a road diet/study for a possible/eventual permanent road project with bike lanes, reduced speed limits, etc.

c. Former Sears Brownfield Redevelopment Project

The Director reported that the developer company met with planning and officials here at City Hall on July 20th and updated them of their incremental progress.

7. New Business:

a. Year 3 Banner Program with CGI.

The Director reported choosing the graphics design option that was provided by CGI and presented the design to the board.

b. EDC Loan Application 1611 Dix Edalis Gomez:

The Director reported speaking with Edalis Gomez and informing her of the parameters of the EDC loan; the Director then sent her the application to fill out.

c. 2121 Dix Grand Opening of Captain Jay's:

The Director reported on the ribbon cutting event and discussion from the board regarding the events of that day.

d. 1422 Southfield Sale has officially closed:

The Director reported that Kol Kroj, the owner of the adjacent Lincoln Park Grille business was sold this property from the DDA and has an agreement to combine the two buildings into one main operation.

e. Fitness Court Downtown.

The Director reported that the concrete construction has broken ground, and the curing process was taking place.

f. Potential New Auto Dealership

The Director reported coordinating with two gentlemen who are looking for a building to operate an auto dealership. The latest update is they are looking at the 1060 Southfield location as a possibility.

8. Director's Report:

a. Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce "Adelante" Kickoff Event:

The Director reported to the board the details of the event and the continued growth of the relationship with the MHCC.

b. Street Renaming Event for Moraitis Family:

The director reported to the board the event taking place on Saturday 8/12/23 at 1PM renaming the street of Arlington to Moraitis to honor the owners of Park Restaurant who passed away earlier in the year.

c. Placer.ai & Discover Downriver Advertising Opportunity:

The Director reported speaking with both of these companies and would eventually have more details of potentially using their services to improve outreach for the businesses in Lincoln Park.

9. Calls to Audience & Miscellaneous Matters:

Nothing to report.

10. Board Comments:

The board discussed the possibility of creating emails for the EDC.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Christie Kerr

Support: Debbie Van Cleave

Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Interim Executive Director Brandon Frye