

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, April 26th, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Commissioners Mayhew, Dummer, Paulson, Barsness, and Braegelmann

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Heineman, Don Ryland, Mike Engel

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference Room. A Motion to call the meeting to order at 8:00 am was made by Commissioner Mayhew, seconded by Commissioner Braegelmann. Motion was approved (4-0-0).

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

A Motion by Commissioner Mayhew, seconded by Commissioner Barsness, was made to approve the minutes from the January 25th, 2011 meeting. Motion was approved 4-0-0.

Reports

Heineman updated the EDA on the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan. Dan Jankowski (Subway) is current on payments and the final payment will be due in July. The Traxler lease for the NAPA building is current, and there will be property taxes due in 2011 which will be paid by the EDA. The EDA will also pay the assessed property taxes on the Ambulance Building in 2011, but due to the loss of the lease with North Ambulance it will transition to tax exempt in 2012. The ready-mix plant (Chris Hanke) paid thru March and is currently in operation.

Heineman provide a brief update on the Kenyon Area Business Association. Don Ryland (Owner of Write-on) also addressed the EDA and provided an update on a marketing plan for the organization. Ryland reported that there was interest in starting a farmers market in Kenyon and discussed the possibility of purchasing a Quonset structure to shelter participants from inclement weather. Ron and Bob Peterson have approved the use of the parking lot adjacent to Write-on. EDA members requested an update on this proposal as it moves forward.

Commissioner Paulson arrived at 8:45.

Heineman updated the EDA on the old Kenyon High School. The Parks & Open Space Master Plan is just getting underway, and surveys were distributed to all residents and businesses on April 20th. The survey incorporates the old Kenyon High School site and other local and regional recreational amenities and will help provide public input regarding the potential use of the site.

After further discussion, the EDA made a recommendation for staff to contact the Goodhue County Assessor's office to obtain per capita impacts for various costs associated with the acquisition and abatement of the old Kenyon High School. This information should be provided to the public to help residents and business owners understand the potential cost of acquiring the site as well as the cost of taking no action.

Commissioner Mayhew departed at 8:55.

The EDA also discussed the potential for relocating the off-sale portion of the Municipal Liquor Store to a new structure adjacent to the current grocery store. Commissioner Braegelmann stated that he was open to this, as it would allow him to make additional improvements to the building. He also raised concerns over property maintenance standards and the impact poor maintenance can have on local businesses. Heineman stated that a renewed effort would be made to enforce zoning code violations throughout the summer months.

There being no further business, a Motion was made to adjourn the EDA meeting at 9:20 a.m. (Dummer/Paulson;4-0-0).

Chris Heineman, City Administrator

Brian Paulson, EDA President