



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, August 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Open meeting laws noted.

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Derek Downer, Judy Jackson, Jarod Albers, Jan tenBensel, Logan Baker, Randy Heitman

Members Absent: Dave Custer

Others Present: Monica Lueking, Melissa Jackson, Jodi Cobb, Carla Whipple, Andy Long

Agenda Corrections or Additions: None noted

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: Motion to approve the Minutes and Bills with one correction noted by Derek Downer was made by Jan tenBensel, seconded by Darcy Johnson. Motion carried.

New Business:

Jodi Cobb thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Program. As a result of that experience, members of the Leadership Program developed a "Cambridge Community Rally" event from 2-4 pm on Sunday, August 25 at the Heritage Plaza, to encourage residents to sign up to volunteer at various organizations throughout Cambridge.

Cobb also asked for ideas on how to repurpose and reuse the Chamber's parade float trailer to benefit the community.

Monica Lueking gave a Director's report to the Board.

A meeting will be held with local businesses on August 19 to discuss traffic flow once construction downtown begins August 26.

Andy Long gave the Board a report on the Leadership Program evaluation results, which were highly positive. His recommendation is to run the program every 2-3 years.

Long also reported that the Innovative Housing grant proposal was funded. The first two homes will be built in Benkelman and Cambridge. More details on the program are forthcoming.

Long noted that lawmakers passed a bill adding early childhood education and day care centers to the list of projects available for economic development grants or loans.

Project Updates:

Tom Shoemaker pointed out that the updated Economic Development budget reflects that the entire monies in the current Revolving Loan Fund and future repayments on outstanding loans were transferred to the HTC (non-LB840 funds) account.

Discussion was held on the Clarion Internship Grant application. A motion was made by Tom Shoemaker, seconded by Derek Downer, to approve the application. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Camas Publishing application for assistance for \$3,000 for new sidewalks. The Board requests that a Façade Grant application is submitted for this project.

Construction has begun on a house in Harvest Meadows.

The school has received 501(c)3 status for the daycare. They are seeking out a second site for infants. Next steps are to hire daycare providers and begin the application process to begin accepting children.

Monica Lueking made a funding request for tablecloths and give-away items for the upcoming Volunteer Fair. A motion was made by Logan Baker, seconded by Judy Jackson. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jan tenBensel, seconded by Darcy Johnson, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 1:17 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.