



Economic Development Board Minutes – March 8, 2017

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Randy Heitmann, Darcy Johnson, Judy Jackson, Leah tenBensel, David Custer, Jan tenBensel

Members Absent: Jarod Albers

Others Present: Logan Baker, Diane Henderson

Meeting Called to order: 12:06 p.m. by Tom Shoemaker, Open Meeting law noted.

Consent approval of minutes and bills: Darcy made motion to approve, seconded by Judy. All in favor, Motion carried.

New Business:

Citizens Advisory Review Committee: There has been conversation regarding what this committee is, why it is, and what it's purpose, and also its connection to how making the public aware of how the ED board has continual met and will continue to move forward within the guidelines set forth by the CARC. Also, making aware of the upcoming developments regarding the 2020 plan and sales tax issues.

Attendance Policy: As stated in the ED Board Bylaws, each board member is allowed 2 unexcused absences then has the ability to resign from the board if so desires. There is no limit on excused absences, as long as the director or Board President is aware of the absence.

Diane Henderson started March 1, 2017 and has had a great start and is learning a lot of different aspects of the job.

There has been discussion with State ED rep Deb Eggleston and LB840. She will be in Cambridge to discuss the LB840 on March 13, at 6:30 at the Community Building, and will be discussing how Cambridge has been using funds in an inappropriate manner for the down payment program. This use of funds has since ceased upon learning about the misuse of funding. Deb will be here to help clarify the appropriate usage of LB840 and how it can benefit Cambridge.

New Board Member: Logan Baker has agreed to join the ED board to fill a vacant spot. Upon Logan's City Council approval to join the board, he has agreed to fill the open position on a subcommittee with Jan and Darcy.

Nebraska Department of Roads contacted Jan and homeowners along the highway regarding repairs and reconstruction of sidewalk corners and road entries. They will be taking easements along Highway 6/34 in the spring.

Old Business

Sub-Division update:

Angela Howard is possible interested in a Harvest Meadows lot (Platte 4) in the newer part of Phase 2, end-of-cul-de-sac lot. Contact has been made but no action has been taken.

Work should be done in June so Phase 2 will be ready for new lot development.
East side development is moving as anticipated
Heritage Homes of Wayne has been approached and may be interested in a possible spec home.

Housing/ Rentals:

Potential funding opportunities may become available if Heritage Homes would be willing to construct some spec homes.

DPA program has 2 new applicants, with LB840 questions where will this money continue to come from, and there may be money available in a Perkins fund.

Alumni Database:

Diane is looking into printing brochures similar to the previous ED brochures, but with an updated Harvest Meadows map.

Looking into the potential of hiring a summer intern to continue this database.

To compile a list, it has been recommended that it begin at the Alumni banquet by finding each class leader and working with them to locate Alumni.

Darcy has been asked to contact Beth Sparrow about becoming the Alumni Database program leader.

Façade program:

The Methodist Church has asked for a 1-month extension due to a conflict with their contractor and the necessary supplies. Judy made a motion to approve, Jan seconded it. Motion carried.

Supporting Existing Business:

Lady's night was a success and it was discussed that businesses stay open from 5 until Lady's night concludes.

Chamber is doing a Lady's night on March 18 at the Community Building.

There is a tally being taken to look at how much each business within Cambridge businesses is giving to support local groups.

The next SEB Lady's night will include the local restaurants, as well as retail businesses.

Director's report:

Diane gave an update on what she has been doing and learned in the short time on the job. Melissa had been out of town and asked Diane to give the full report for both of them.

Other:

The Red Book Grant writing information has been shared with Tri Valley Foundation and the ED Board, it came to the board's attention that it is our time to pay the dues to keep the Red Book open.

A Meet and Greet for Diane will be held at the Hotel but date is TBD.

Next meeting: April 12th, at Noon

Meeting Adjourned 1:09p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah tenBensel