



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Jan tenBensel, Jarod Albers, Dave Custer, Judy Jackson, Derek Downer, Randy Heitmann

Members Absent: Darcy Johnson, Logan Baker

Others Present: Melissa Jackson, Mayor Dave Gunderson

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: A motion was made by Jan tenBensel, seconded by Derek Downer, to approve the December 2022 and January 2023 minutes and bills. Motion passed.

New Business:

M. Jackson gave an activities report to the Board.

The Board reviewed the Boettcher Down Payment Assistance loan application. A motion was made by Derek Downer, seconded by Dave Custer, to approve the application. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Butler Memorial Library Internship Grant application. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Judy Jackson, to approve the application. Derek Downer abstained. Motion passed.

The Board held discussion on the Tri Valley Health System building façade grant application. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Jan tenBensel, once M. Jackson verifies the application was for the maximum amount of \$10,000 (application form to be updated online), to approve the application. Derek Downer abstained. Motion passed.

Mayor Dave Gunderson brought the idea to the Board of holding a “Give Big” promotion to raise funds for a new fire barn. Tom Shoemaker will gather more information on how Economic Development could do a match with LB840 funds.

The Board held discussion about attorney recruitment in Cambridge. M. Jackson will reach out to Carrie Brooks, Connecting Resources, to learn more about her process and brainstorm professional incentives Economic Development could offer. M. Jackson to present a plan at the March meeting.

M. Jackson requested an upgraded computer for Economic Development. The Board requested a switch to a Mac-based system. M. Jackson will gather pricing for the laptop and all required subscriptions, then present it to the Board who will hold an email vote.

Project Updates:

M. Jackson reviewed the current google ad campaign.

Public Comment:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the City office.