



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2024

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

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Derek Downer, Randy Heitmann, Judy Jackson, Jason Weiss

Members Absent: Darcy Johnson, Jan tenBensel, Jarod Albers

Others Present: Mayor David Gunderson, Melissa Jackson, Lori Harding

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: The Board reviewed the December financials. A motion was made by Judy Jackson, seconded by Randy Heitmann, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

New Business:

M. Jackson gave an activities report.

The Board discussed the open position on the Joint Committee. Discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Jason Weiss, to amend the Economic Development bylaws, sentence one under Eligibility, Section 1, to read: "All persons residing within the city limits of Cambridge, Nebraska, the 69022 zip code, or at the Economic Development Board President's discretion." Motion carried.

The Board discussed moving the motion made in December to accept Lori Harding as a Board member, to City Council. A motion was made by Jason Weiss, seconded by Judy Jackson, to move this recommendation to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

The Board held discussion on the housing rehab program guidelines. A motion was made by Derek Downer, seconded by Randy Heitmann, to amend bullet point #5 to read: If the home has not been sold or rented at the end of the 1-year after Board approval rule, the homeowner can request an extension from the Board. Motion carried.

A request for funding was presented by the Park Foundation for the new playground discussion. The Mayor provided information about funding/donations to the Park Board versus the Park Foundation. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Jason Weiss, to deny the request for donations on the basis of legal uses of LB840 monies. Motion carried.

Project Updates:

M. Jackson provided a Google ads report in Board packets. The group discussed impressions/clicks and results. The Google ad will cease running until May 1, then run for 6 months.

Public Comment:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the City offices.