

Harmony EDA Minutes

March 8, 2012
7:30 a.m.

Council Room
Community Center

Present: Chris Skaalen, Steve Donney, Deb Scrabeck, and Andy Batstone

Also Present: Jerome Illg, and Chris Giesen

Meeting was called to order 7:31 a.m. by Chris Skaalen

Minutes

Motion by Scrabeck, seconded by Donney to approve the minutes from February 9, 2012.
Motion carried.

Financials

Illg gave an update on revolving loans. Past due loans were discussed. The chamber submitted a claim for payment of their first half of 2012 funding in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion by Donney, second by Batstone to approve the financials and pay the claim from the Chamber as presented. Motion carried.

Small Cities Block Grant Program

Michelle Vrieze, with CEDA was present to discuss the Small Cities Block Grant program available through DEED. She said that Harmony could apply for rehabilitation dollars for residential, commercial, rental, or a combination of property types. She also discussed how the grants are awarded and the application process. Pre applications are due in the fall of 2012, with full applications due in early 2013. She stated that to apply, an assessment must be done of the town, or the targeted area in town, to determine the need for rehab dollars. She said that this assessment and application would cost \$950. She also said that if Harmony's application is successful, there is no additional cost to the city as the grant itself covers the administration costs.

Consensus of the board was to determine what parts of town should be included in the application if the board decides to move forward with an application. The board will discuss at their next meeting.

Heritage Grove

Kristi Kiehne gave the operations report. There were three new residents this past month and organized activities with the residents are going well.

Chamber

Emily Ellis gave the chamber update. They have received four applications for the part time position to date and the renovations to the visitor's center are going as planned. She

discussed the planning for a upcoming events and are also looking at increased and more efficient advertising this year.

Downtown Commercial Lot Pricing

The board discussed options for pricing the downtown commercial lot. It was the consensus of the board that rather than set a price, they would review each offer on a case by case basis.

Prospects

Giesen discussed some prospects.

Motion by Donney, second by Scrapeck to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 AM.