

Harmony EDA Minutes

March 7, 2013
7:30 AM

Council Room
Community Center

Present: Steve Cremer, Steve Donney, Deb Swenson, and Andy Batstone

Also Present: Theresa Knutson, Mark Dixon, Jerome Illg, and Chris Giesen

Meeting was called to order 7:32 AM by Steve Donney

Cremer entered the meeting at 7:33 AM

Minutes

Motion by Donney, second by Swenson to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports and Claims

Giesen gave an update on revolving loans. A question arose about other potential uses for the interest gained on the revolving loan fund; Giesen said he would investigate. The commercial rehab small cities loans were also briefly discussed. Motion by Cremer, second by Donney to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Industrial Park: Land Use & Maintenance

Giesen reported that someone had contacted the EDA regarding the industrial park and baling hay. He said that the individual offered \$85/acre to bale hay on approximately 16 acres in the park. He also said that currently the individual who takes care of the grass does use it for hay, but does not pay the EDA, however the city has not had any complaints because he does it regularly before community celebrations and is mindful of EDA infrastructure present at the site.

The board discussed. Consensus was to have staff contact the current user to get their feedback and interest. Also it was suggested that a donation to a community event be made in lieu of a formal lease and payments.

Heritage Grove

Theresa Knutson and Mark Dixon were present to discuss Heritage Grove. Theresa gave the operations report. The vacancy in independent living was discussed and Mark discussed a prospective buyer.

Chamber

Giesen gave the chamber update for Emily. He discussed some projects that the chamber is currently working on as well as some new marketing efforts.

Prospects

Giesen discussed some prospects. He also mentioned that he was helping Slim with a grant application or two new musician statues and that he, the mayor, and Steve Cremer would be meeting with the telephone company to discuss the internet issue that was talked about at the last EDA meeting.

EDA Strategic Planning

Giesen gave a review of the strategic planning process to date and mentioned that the next step was to start bringing the elements of the discussion together for an action plan. Consensus of the board was to continue when a full board was present. Cremer suggested that the board focus on developing a vision to guide future projects and to be able to discuss a single message from the EDA when the board meetings jointly with the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. The board concurred.

Swenson left the meeting at 8:55 AM.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Donney adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.