

Harmony EDA Minutes

July 9, 2015
7:30 AM

Council Room
Community Center

Present: Chris Skaalen, Steve Donney, Deb Swenson, Kerry Kingsley

Also Present: Jerome Illg and Chris Giesen

Meeting was called to order 7:35 AM by Chris Skaalen

Minutes

Motion by Swenson, seconded by Donney to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports and Claims

The status of loans were discussed. There was one payment claim from Community and Economic Development Associates for 3rd quarter 2015 economic development staffing services in the amount of \$6,827.75. The Klip Joint building was also mentioned and it was discussed how to handle reoccurring costs like utilities and minor repairs. Motion by Donney, second by Kingsley to approve the payment claim as presented and authorize city staff to pay reoccurring utilities and minor repairs on the Klip Joint building (35 Main Ave N, Harmony) as they come up. Motion carried unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Report

The board discussed the 4th of July festivities. Consensus was that this year's event was very successful and saw higher attendance than the past few years. The board thanked the Chamber for its work organizing the event.

Klip Joint Building Update

The board discussed the process to accept proposals for the Klip Joint building. It was determined that staff will a review/clarify any questions with proposals that are submitted and set up a review process with the loan committee. The loan committee will review the proposals, discuss with the proposers, and then make recommendations to the full EDA board for consideration.

Possible Downtown Mural

Giesen suggested the board consider sponsoring a mural on the side of a downtown building, based on comments received from members of the community. The board discussed several options, including seeking grants and partnering with building owners and the Harmony Arts Board. Giesen would follow up.

Industrial Park Signage

Giesen presented a draft sign design for an updated industrial park sign. The board discussed some minor changes to the map. Giesen would revise. He said the quote from Kelly's Printing & Signs for \$894 per sign was still being honored. Motion by Skaalen, second by Swenson to order two new industrial park signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Trail Extension Update

The board discussed the status of the state trail extension project. No new developments had occurred but the committee was still working towards securing option contracts to purchase land.

Experience Harmony Projects

Giesen gave a brief update on the Experience Harmony projects. No new developments had occurred.

Prospects/ Community Update

Giesen mentioned a business had inquired about utilizing TIF for an upcoming expansion project and that he was working with them.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2015 at 7:30 AM, at the Community Center.

Motion by Donney, seconded by Kingsley to adjourned the meeting at 8:45 AM.