

Harmony EDA Minutes

February 28, 2017
6:00 PM

Community Center
Council Room

Present: Chris Skaalen, Steve Donney, Andy Batstone, and Kerry Kingsley

Also present: Lynn Mensink, Craig Britton, Richard Keith, Jerome Illg, Jim Love, Ross Kheine, Sue Sikkink, Steve Saggen, Kyle Morem, Jade Sexton, Melissa Vander Plass, and Chris Giesen

The special joint meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Steve Donney.

Special Joint Meeting Discussion

The Harmony Economic Development Authority met in joint session with the Harmony City Council and Fillmore County School board for the purposes of discussing current project updates, short and long term goals of each board, and opportunities for collaboration on common goals.

Representatives of each board participated in an open discussion workshop. No official action was taken by any board.

Consensus among all groups was that over the next year they would continue to seek opportunities to work together on issues. Specific issues that were discussed included:

- issues related to parking along Main Street in front of the high school/the establishment of no parking zones.
- the EDA's efforts to extend the state bike trail and attract a dentist to the community.
- the school reported it would be landscaping the new parking lot and it tuck-pointed and power washed the high school building.
- all three boards discussed at length a potential storage building the school would like to have constructed on the community center grounds. Consensus was that it should work but a specific location would have to be determined.
- the school board gave notice that the Root River Education would be ending and vacating it's space in the community center.
- the EDA discussed it's planning for long term projects such as a data center, extension of infrastructure, and additional industrial land.

Mensink left the meeting at 6:58 PM

Kingsley entered the meeting at 7:00 PM

Consensus of all three boards was that they found value in this event and should meet annually in a similar fashion and potentially include key community volunteer groups such as the booster club and community foundation.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Donney adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.