

Harmony EDA Minutes

March 12, 2019
6:30 PM

Community Center
Council Room

Present: Chris Skaalen, Steve Donney, Kerry Kingsley, and Steve Sagen

Also present: Jennifer Pickett, Sue Sikkink, Ross Kehine, Eileen Schansberg, Lynn Mensink, Craig Britton, Richard Keith, Jerome Illg, Jim Love, Greg Schieber, Hannah Wingert, Melissa Vander Plas, and Chris Giesen

The special joint meeting was called to order at 5:34 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:

- Giesen gave an overview of the EDA's 2018 annual report touching base on the projects and resources leveraged over the past year.
- Donney said that most of the projects the city council worked on in 2018 were the same as the EDA projects.
- Keith reported that the school district is undergoing a major renovation of the high school starting in the summer of 2019. The renovations will improve the media center, lunchroom, offices, and security. Britton gave an overview of the general renovation plans.
- Britton also reported on the upcoming renovations to the football field. The field would be moved to give players more room on the sidelines for safety, there would be new stands for spectators, and the restrooms could be shared with park users.
- It was also discussed that the school is installing virtual trophy cases. Donney mentioned that perhaps similar equipment could be installed at the community center because of all of the historical class photos and trophies. Vander Plas stated that the Library has already digitized yearbooks for past classes which might be helpful for this project.
- The school district also mentioned that they will be planting new trees near the new baseball field at the community center and a new public address system at the High School.

Consensus of all three boards was that they found value in this event and should continue the practice of meeting annually in a similar fashion.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Donney adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.