

## Minutes

### Economic Development Commission

July 17, 2023

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7pm. In attendance were Chair Linda Morgan, Vice Chair Bob McNally (via phone), Secretary LeAnne Tennant, Kelly Renehan, Ryan Csajko, Lamar Estridge, and Communications Specialist Ashley Bailey. Two citizens.

- 1) Approved Minutes with slight editing of spelling/grammar and moving information that was in the second paragraph to the first paragraph regarding the networking event to have all the information together. Meeting minutes from June 12, 2023; Ryan motioned; Lamar seconded. All in favor, motion passed 4-0.
- 2) EDC meeting with business owners
  - Networking event set for September 18, 2023 in the Town Hall meeting room
  - Push information via social media and a registration link for businesses to get an accurate head count
  - One hour time frame 7-8pm
  - Bob Sussman, WBPA President, was one of the citizens who was in the audience stated that his meetings usually have 3-4 members attend monthly, struggles to get members attend, and would like to get guest speakers out if member attendance improves.
  - EDC will provide light refreshments
  - Purpose is to invite business owners and/or representatives of businesses in the 21793 zip code only
- 3) Ribbon Cutting
  - Mercy Seat Medical: Great turn out, wonderful food, and citizens expressed they were happy to walk to a local practice. This is the owners fourth practice.
  - Creamery Park Ribbon cutting July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm
  - Safeway will be hosting a grand reopening when store renovations are complete
- 4) Other comments
  - Lamar asked about the vacant buildings in the Safeway shopping center. Linda recapped previous EDC conversations regarding both vacant buildings and landlord issues.
  - Ryan recapped a previous EDC conversation with Commissioner Bailey when he was the EDC liaison and asked if something was still in the works about penalizing landlords who have vacant properties.
  - EDC does not have a commissioner liaison as of right now
  - Linda stated she would like to have the liaison in place prior to having conversations with vacant property owners
- 5) Election of Officers
  - Current Officers

- i. Chair- Linda
  - ii. Vice Chair- Bob
  - iii. Secretary- LeAnne
- All members have offered to help current officers when needed
  - Bob suggested an election/re-election every 12 months
  - Linda suggested to have terms defined by next Commissioner Liaison

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm