

Sleepy Eye EDA Quarterly Extended Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020 @ 4pm at The Sleepy Eye Brewing Company

Mission Statement: The mission of the Sleepy Eye Economic Development Authority is to maintain and improve the community through the retention and growth of business, industry, and services.

Board Members Present: Mark Kober, Gary Windschitl, Mike Carr, Dan Schmid, Joann Schmidt, Casey Couslon

Advisory Board Members Present: Kurk Kramer, Christina Andres, Bob Elston, Wayne Pelzel

Absent Members: Kathy Haala

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Carr at 4:04pm on September 22, 2020.
- B. Approval of August & September Special Mtg. Minutes:** **M/S/C Joann, Gary**
- C. Accept Financial Reports:** **M/S/C Joann, Casey**
1. **RLF Report:** As Written
 2. **Business Rehab Program:** As Written
 3. **All Active EDA Resources:** As Written
- D. Approval of Bills:** None
- E. Reports**
1. **EDA Coordinator's Report:** As Written
 2. **Chamber Director Report:** As Written
 3. **St. Peter Business Services -** As Written
- F. Old Business**
1. **Approve Business Rehabilitation Application Additions, Revisions & Requests** – The Board approved the revisions made to the current September Business Rehab App. **M/S/C Joann, Casey** The Board approves the funding for the three pending requests under the provision that all requesting applicants sign a written agreement understanding that: 1) Requested monies will not be distributed until 2021. 2) Should the City Council not approve the currently submitted budget as of September 2020 these requested funds may not be available for 2021. **M/S/C Mark, Casey**
 2. **Incubator Space Information Update & Discussion** – Kurk has reached out to Nicole from Starry Nights Design for some mock up ideas for the SE Community Center (which he, Joann, Mark, Bob, and Wayne walked through) and how it could work as an incubator space; seeing as at this point it seems to be the most realistic space for this project. Once designs are prepared and costs are estimated, the Board can decide how they want to move forward.
 3. **Finalization of CARES Act Grant Application** – The Board approves a finalized application to make \$80K in grant dollars available to Sleepy Eye businesses. Christina will assist in delivering it to Sleepy Eye Chamber businesses. **M/S/C Mark, Joann**
- G. New Business**
1. **EDA/HRA Housing Discussion** – Hold off on further discussion until our October meeting.
 2. **Orchid Inn/DEED Revelopment Grant Requirements** – Kurk inquired as to the Boards wishes for Steve Krebs past request on this property. The Board instructed Kurk to offer the DEED Rehab Application requirements to Mr. Krebs, as this is the program we will be utilizing for the cleanup of that space and then it is up to him if he chooses to proceed. If not, the EDA will look into options pertaining to Item #1 of New Business.

3. Signs on the corner of Hwy 4 & 14 It had been brought to Kurk's attention by several community members about the unsightly signage (Garage Sale) that was displayed in our new Pocket Park at Hwy 4 & 14. The next logical assessment is do we then allow ANY signage to be staked or placed on the new space. The Board offered some opinions but in the end: The EDA Board bans any signage from being placed inside the new pocket park at Hwy 4 & 14. **M/S/C Mark, Joann**

4. Blaalid Property/136 Main St W. – Kurk informed the Board that because the EDA holds the second mortgage on the Blaalid property he was contacted by a potential new buyers attorney asking us for a release of that mortgage to clear the title and sell the property. The EDA was concerned about the prospective future of what would go into the building and making sure it didn't hinder the goals and precedents we have set for our downtown. The EDA Board therefore requests to see a detailed business plan from the prospective buyers before a releasing of the building from the loan.

M/S/C Mike, Casey

Adjourned: Mike Carr @ 5:35pm

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be **Tuesday, October 27, 2020** @ Noon – SEGC

EDA President Kathy Haala

EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl