

Sleepy Eye EDA November Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2022 @ Noon – Council Chambers

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: Gary Windschitl, Kathy Haala, Joann Schmidt, Casey Coulson, Toby Arneson

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

Absent Members: Mark Kober, Mike Carr

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Haala at 12:05pm on Nov. 22, 2022.

B. Approval of Agenda – with added LSLC update **M/S/C Casey, Gary**

C. Approval of October Minutes: As Written **M/S/C Joann, Gary**

D. Accept Financial Report **M/S/C Joann, Casey**

1. **RLF Report:** As Written
2. **Business Assistance Fund:** As Written
3. **All Active EDA Resources:** As Written
4. **2022 EDA Program Disbursements:** As Written

E. Approval of Bills:

1. **Annual SMIF Contribution Request:** The Board approves a \$1000 contribution to the continuing efforts of SMIF (Southern MN Initiative Foundation) for 2023.

M/S/C Joann, Casey

F. Reports

1. **EDA Coordinator's Report:** As Written
2. **Chamber Director Report:** As Written

G. Old Business

1. **Sunset Memorial Park Cemetary** – Kurk presented the Board with the latest on the property and the Tax Notice that was in the packet. No action is required, just wanted to keep all aware of the status.
2. **Former Orchid Inn Property**
 - a. Proposal from EJS Properties – The EDA Board is not accepting the submitted EJS Properties proposal due to excessive contingencies listed in the proposal. The EDA will instead look to proceed on their own with plans on demolition and redevelopment.
M/S/C Casey, Gary
3. **EDA/HRA Proposed Meeting** – Bob Elston reported on his meeting with the HRA Executive Director on setting a meeting with the HRA and EDA Boards about future projects and opportunities for the HRA to expand on. The EDA Board agreed that a joint meeting should be scheduled to have discussions. Bob will reach out and get something on the calendar.

H. New Business

1. **LSLC update** – Kurk met with the Little Sprouts Learning Center Board and was given updated information and projections from President Cody Groen. The numbers seemed positive and trending in the right direction. Cody will plan to attend the Annual EDA Planning Meeting in January to give his outlook on the future projections for LSLC and discuss the with the Board the status of the note that they have with the EDA and the considerations from the EDA in their July 2020 Meeting Minutes.

2. **Purchase Agreement & Earnest Money Contract w/Hannah Real Estate Partners** – Kurk presented the Board with copies of the Purchase Agreement and Earnest Money Contract for the 108 Main Street West Property. The Board suggested sending a reminder letter and also inquiring if anything has changed with their plans to move forward. Kurk will report to the Board at the January meeting what response he received.
3. **Veteran’s Park Landscaping Plan** – Kurk handed out sketches of the proposed landscaping for Veteran’s Park around the Huey location.
4. There will be no December 2022 EDA Board Meeting.
5. **January Planning Meeting** – Tuesday, January 24, 2023 beginning at 4pm, at the PIX. The EDA Board Members should Email Kurk with any topic ideas or considerations.

Adjourned: Kathy Haala @ 12:59pm

The next EDA Board Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 24, 2023** @ 4pm at the PIX.