

Sleepy Eye EDA Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2019

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, Mike Carr, Dan Schmid, Mike Carr, Joann Schmidt

Advisory Board Members Present: Kurk Kramer, Christina Andres, Mark Kober, Wayne Pelzel

Student Advisory Members: Michael Gratz

Special Guest: Doug Pelzel, Steve Krebs, Misty Reibel

Absent: Cassie Heinrichs

A. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Kathy Haala at 4:02pm on January 23, 2019.

1. **LSLC Update** – Misty Riebel presented the Board with the most current information on the center, as well as a copy of the last LSLC agenda. She informed us that one of their Board members has chosen to step away and no longer be an active member. Misty expressed that communications with Tri-Valley was once again becoming difficult; not replying to emails, not returning phone calls, etc. Kurk noted this and said they would address this at an upcoming meeting (TBD) with Tri-Valley. Joann also expressed that a more uniform marketing message needs to be created for the LSLC, as there is a lot of incorrect information that's circulating about the center. The EDA Board agreed and a date to address this would be set. Misty also has requested a \$10,000 advance for payroll, which will be added against the current loan.
2. **Steve Krebs/Orchid Inn** – Steve Krebs has expressed an interest in the Orchid Inn location. He wants to know what the city would be monetarily willing to put into the clearing of the property for commercial use. Mark Kober stated that they would need to get someone out there to look at the site and get an estimate on clean up as well as take-away costs for the asbestos materials. Once they have those numbers, the EDA will inform Steve and see where things lead from there.

B. Election of Officers

1. **Present EDA Board Chairman – Kathy Haala**
 - 2019 EDA Board Chairman – **Kathy Haala**
 2. **Present EDA Board Vice-Chair – Mike Carr**
 - 2019 EDA Board Vice-Chair – **Mike Carr**
 3. **Present EDA Board Secretary – Gary Windschitl**
 - 2019 EDA Board Secretary – **Gary Windschitl**
- M/S/C Dan, Joann

C. Approval & Signing of December Minutes: M/S/C Gary, Dan

D. Approval Financial Report: M/S/C Joann, Mike. C

1. **RLF Report:** As Written
2. **DRIP Report:** As Written
3. **Active EDA Resources Report:** As Written
4. **EDA Budget:** Mark gave a breakdown of the available EDA Funds in the Annual Budget

E. Approval of Bills:

1. **2019 SMIF Contribution Request:** Last year the EDA contributed \$1000 to SMIF. This year the Board decided against any contribution. M/S/C Joann, Mike C.

F. EDA Coordinator's Report: As Written

G. Chamber Director Report: As Written

H. Student Advisory Input/Questions: Michael – None

I. 2019 Planning Session

1. 2019 Goals for EDA

- a) Goal #1 – Developing the corner property of Hwy 4 & 14
- b) Goal #2 – Create a plan for the South Dakota Cemetary currently owned by the EDA
- c) Goal #3 – Address the Housing Needs with HRA, Herzog Properties, Meadowview, and interested private investors
- d) Goal #4 – Continue developing the 5-Year Downtown Plan in cooperation with the Blight and Revitalization Committees
- e) Goal #5 – Continue efforts for the success of Little Sprouts Learning Center

Adjourned: Kathy at 6:01pm

Next EDA Board Meeting meeting will be **Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Noon, at The Railway.**

EDA President Kathy Haala

EDA Sec/Treas. Gary Windschitl