

EDA Meeting Minutes



Regular Meeting
Thurs. July 20, 2017
3:00 p.m.
County Bd. Rm.

Meeting called by:	Barry Nelson
Type of meeting:	Regular Meeting
Attendees:	Larry Knutson, Abby Anderson, Corey Askin, Hank Ludtke
Board members absent:	Chris Sherman
Other Attendees:	Mary Hendrickson, Laura McKnight, Guy Fischer

Agenda Topics

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Barry Nelson called the regular meeting to order at 3 p.m.
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve by Ludtke, 2nd by Askin –motion carried.
4. **Approval of February Meeting Minutes (2/16):** motion to approve by Knutson, 2nd by Ludtke - motion carried.
5. **Housing:**
 - **Review financials and approve paying bills:** motion to approve by Knutson, 2nd by Askin - motion carried.
 - The EDA June bank account balance sheet and budget to actual reports were presented.
 - From Check Register/Invoices Presented: Workshop \$508.05, Hwy 34 Group Home \$0.00, Low Income Public Housing \$3,531.23, Willow Property \$641.49, Maple Ave. Apts. \$6,313.91, Hidden Hills Group Home \$0.00, West River Townhomes \$7,573.33, and Section 8 Voucher \$19,252.78.
 - **Audit Status:**
 - REAC issues balancing – working with HUD; must be finalized before County audit can be summarized.
 - Ask Jodi to submit IFS summary monthly for input into Lindsey.
 - **Section 8:**
 - Out of shortfall; was due to rising cost of rent
 - **Maple Ave. Apt. Improvements**
 - Fridge, cabinets, carpet, cleaning, painting – re-rent first of August.
 - **West River: Mahube application**
 - Get state involved in negotiations
 - **Willow Property**
 - New door, cement work and windows being looked at for replacement
 - **Lake Park MURL House (5023 5th St.)**

- Sell as is – put it on auction; Laura and Guy to re-visit house.
- MHP Housing Institute Process
 - DL Housing Study Update – DL seeking matching MHP dollars.
 - Community Land Trust Concept – Mtg. with DL Area Housing Team to discuss next steps; A CLT provides permanently affordable homeownership opportunities to families of low/moderate income. The CLT acquires land and legally separates ownership of the land from the ownership of the house. Discussions with MMCDC which has expressed interest in the CLT. The CLT could be set up thru the creation of a subsidiary of MMCDC.

6. **EDA:**

- **Osage Mkt** – seeking to get owner financing thru the County PACE program. Predominately energy efficiency related financing; will need appraisal and meet other criteria. Working with Itasca Mantrap to provide equipment/cost projections to determine payback for the financing. A few vendors are still in the process of providing their quotes/technical information.
- **Gary's Furniture** – ECCO Midwest conducting asbestos removal should be completed by Friday. Boit Excavating has been given the green light to begin prep/general demolition on July 30.
- **Broadband Forum** – Both carriers contacted; Still seeking to connect with League of Woman voters per their facilitation. So still some way yet to setting up a meeting. Bd. direction see how broadband projects do this summer. Determine where the holes are in broadband coverage in MN. Work with State to determine speed/location issues. Talk to Dan with MN Rural Co. and AMC reps to see if they can help determine broad band speed and location issues for Arvig and Century Link.

7. **Adjourn:** Barry Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Barry Nelson
EDA Board President