

EDA Meeting Minutes



**Regular Meeting
Thurs, Sept. 19th 2019
3:00 p.m.
Mtg. Rm., 1st Flr.**

Meeting called by:

Chris Sherman

Type of meeting:

Regular Meeting

Attendees:

Larry Knutson, Karen Mulari, Chris Sherman, Hank Ludtke, Barry Nelson

Board members absent:

Abby Anderson

Other Attendees:

Robyn Beck, Laura McKnight, Guy Fischer, Mary Hendrickson, Mike Brethorst

Agenda Topics

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Chris Sherman called the Regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Board Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with changes by Ludtke, 2nd by Nelson, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes (9/19):** Motion to approve agenda with changes by Mulari, 2nd by Knutson, motion carried.
4. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes (8/15):** Motion to approve agenda with changes by Knutson, 2nd by Ludtke, motion carried.
5. **Balance Sheets/Paying of Bills:** Motion to approve Financials and Payables by Nelson, 2nd by Knutson – motion carried.
 - **From Check Register/Invoices Presented:** Workshop \$471.38, Hwy 34 Group Home \$0.00, Low Income Public Housing \$6,459.28, Willow Property \$468.73, Maple Ave. Apts. \$1,307.23, Hidden Hills Group Home \$421.99, West River Townhomes \$8,446.89, and Section 8 Voucher \$19,798.76.
6. **HOME Program/MPCC Program:** For HOME program concerns about just providing funds – how are we measuring benefit; what is the long term vision for both programs? MPCC Program (MN Housing) – ½ Million potentially available in State Bonding funds (as of 2014) for the County to provide first time homebuyer down payment assistance via local lenders. Why aren't we doing this? - seeking more information; staff looking at upcoming webinar and what is involved in signing up for the program and administrative burden. Discussion with local lender (Bremer) who was listed under the MN Housing webpage was interested in the County doing this program.
7. **2020 Census Complete Count Committee:** Nelson discussed committee's first meeting and upcoming census efforts. Important to get more people to participate in the census which provides more funding for the State: \$2,800 per person per year benefit. The format of the census questionnaire has been simplified for 2020 with 9 questions for main respondent and 4/5 questions associated with each individual.

8. **MMCDC Contract:** Brethorst - Draft has been developed that has been shared with MMCDC for their review and comment. The draft will come back to the EDA Board for discussion. Goal is for new contract to be in place prior to Jan. 1st.
9. **EDA Funds Review:** Review of EDA Financial Information to determine if there are funds that could be utilized for other Housing related purposes. Financial Review to be completed in approx. two weeks time.
10. **Balance Sheet – Budget to Actual**
11. **EDA Board – Open Forum:** MURL on Hawk St. in Audubon – eviction process, personal prop. storage, good condition, will not take a lot of money to fix up. West River police calls down except for one unit in which the tenant is being evicted. October meeting with Mahube to compare quarterly information.
12. **Adjourn:** Sherman adjourned meeting at approximately 4:00p.m.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guy Fischer
EDA Coordinator

/s/ Chris Sherman
EDA Board President