



City of Moorhead Economic Development Authority

Meeting Minutes
February 03, 2020 at 11:45 AM
1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held in the 1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall, on February 03, 2020, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1. Call meeting to Order / Roll Call

Board Member:	Nate Anderson	Absent
Board Member:	Michael Burns	Present
Board Member:	Chad Cota	Present
Board Member:	Alexandre Cyusa	Absent
Board Member:	Zachary Heuring	Present
Board Member:	Pat Kovash	Present
Board Member:	Jeff Schaumann	Present – Entered 11:52 a.m.
Council Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present
Board Member:	Roberta Solien	Present
Council Member:	Deb White	Present
Board Member:	Vacancy – MPS position	Absent

Others Present:

Derrick LaPoint, DMI / Economic Development
Brian Kounovsky, Epic Companies
Dan Mahli, Assistant City Manager
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator
John Shockley, City Attorney
Chris Volkens, City Manager / Acting Economic Development Director

2. Agenda Amendments

Minutes: None

3. Approve Minutes

A December 2, 2019

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Pat Kovash

Motion Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 4 – Anderson, Cyusa, Schaumann, Vacancy

4. Citizens Addressing the Board

Minutes: None

5. Commissioners' Reports

Minutes: Pat Kovash, MBA, provided an update on the following MBA events: Frostival, network opportunities, and Moorhead Public Commission stance.

6. Election of Officers

A Chair

Motion to Approve made by Pat Kovash and seconded by Zach Heuring

Motion to approve appointment of Michael Burns to the position of Chair.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cyusa, Vacancy

B Vice Chair

Motion to Approve made by Pat Kovash and seconded by Bobbi Solien

Motion to approve appointment of Nate Anderson to the position of Vice Chair.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cyusa, Vacancy

C Secretary

Motion to Approve made by Jeff Schaumann and seconded by Zach Heuring

Motion to approve appointment of Roberta Solien to the position of Secretary.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cyusa, Vacancy

7. Resolution to Appoint Member to the MCCARA Development Control Board

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, described the role of the MCCARA Development Control Board and asked for a volunteer from the EDA to serve on the board.

Motion to Approve made by Pat Kovash and seconded by Zach Heuring

Motion to approve appointment of Jeff Schaumann to the MCCARA Development Control Board.

Motion Passed: For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cyusa, Vacancy

8. Renaissance Zone Application Review: Vanne' Moorhead LLC - 1530 1st Ave N

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/ Economic Development, provided a summary on the Vanné Mixed Use project. The multi-use building will include commercial use on the first level and residential on levels two through five. The new construction will be an activity generator, create a walkable district, include high quality housing, and provide infill on the vacant lot. Construction is set to break ground in the spring of 2020 and completion in the summer of 2021, if approved.

Brian Kounovsky, EPIC Companies, was present to answer questions. Commissioners had detailed discussion.

Motion to Recommend Approval made by Jeff Schaumann and seconded by Deb White

Motion to recommend approval to City Council of a Renaissance Zone tax incentive.

Motion Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 1 - Cota; Absent: 3 – Anderson, Cyusa, Vacancy

9. Director's Report

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, provided a summary of economic development activities which occurred since the last meeting as found in packet materials. He also provided an update on the Storefront Rehab Program and stated that the round that ended in January did not receive any applicants.

Jeff Schaumann stated that Moorhead's growth could be attributed to the City's investment in flood protection and the cost to live in Moorhead is similar to Fargo and West Fargo where flood insurance is required.

10. Information / Update

- A Building & Permit Valuation Report - Sign up for "Building and Housing" e-Notifications at:
<https://www.ci.moorhead.mn.us/about-the-city/news/sign-up-for-e-notification>

11. Adjourn

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



Michael Burns
Chair

Roberta Solien
Secretary

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Betty Hartley, Office Specialist*