

CITY OF COLUMBUS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
January 14, 2015

The January 14, 2015 Economic Development Authority meeting for the City of Columbus was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by President Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were EDA Commissioners Tracie Wilson, Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine, and Bill Krebs, Executive Director Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Bill Griffith, Jr., and Assistant Secretary Lorie Lemieux.

Also in attendance: Jody Krebs

Absent: None

APPROVAL – MINUTES December 10, 2014 EDA minutes

Motion by Peterson to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2014 EDA meeting as written. Second by Duraine. Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Peterson to approve the Agenda presented. Second by Krebs. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Goal Setting - Review

- Legislative Roundtable – Will be replaced with meetings that have already been taking place with interested legislative parties for the TH97 Bridge project – Representative Dettmer & Senator Benson have both agreed to author the bill.
- ColumBiz – Event will be scheduled in April.

OPEN BUSINESS

TH 97 – I-35 Bridge (Page 1)

Resolution 15-01 was provided in the packet. This resolution will go to the council for adoption, showing that the Council supports this project. Additionally, the City will be requesting the City of Forest Lake and Washington County to adopt similar resolutions showing their support in the TH97 – I-35 bridge project.

Update – Retail Marketing Study.

The HRA Board is meeting this month and it was noted by Karen Skepper that she felt all the requirements were met to receive the HRA grant and once the HRA grant is secured with the Anoka County Resolution, the contract can be signed. Once the contract is executed Jim McCombs stated it will take 5-6 weeks to complete, whereas during this time the zoning will be looked at in the freeway district utilizing data from this study. Wilson inquired if this study included a hotel study and Mursko stated that it was strictly retail.

City Land Marketing Signage (Enclosure)

Examples of the potential City Land for Sale signs was included in the packet. Three different signs each with a square footage of 96 square feet (8x12) will be placed in

three different quadrants. The photo of the land area will be in color and a notation of “You are Here” will be placed for location identification. The layout of the signs will be a white background and red lettering. Attorney Griffith suggested placing “City of Columbus” next to the phone number informing potential buyers that this is not a brokerage firm involved with the acquisition. Griffith also suggested providing brokers with this information and it would be the city’s position to offer a percentage of commission or not. The final revisions will be reviewed for spelling and wording.

COMMITTEE OPEN DISCUSSION

Povolny requested any comments or opinions regarding the potential idea clearing out the SW quadrant and renting it out for a drive in theatre setting. Wilson stated that she felt RAHP would certainly welcome the idea of a drive in theatre located in that area.

Duraine informed the board that he contacted taste of Minnesota and shared with them that City of Columbus would be interested in having a discussion of hosting the event. As of date, Mursko or Duraine have not heard back.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Election of Officers:

In the ByLaws the Board is required yearly to have an election of Officers of the Board. Currently the positions available are Vice President and Treasurer, as Mayor retains the office of President.

Motion by Duraine to nominate himself as Vice President. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson-aye; Wilson-aye, Daly-aye; Duraine-aye; Krebs-aye. Povolny-aye
Motion carried

Motion by Peterson to nominate Krebs as Treasurer. Second by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson-aye; Wilson-aye, Daly-aye; Duraine-aye; Krebs-aye. Povolny-aye
Motion carried

Mursko shared a handout noting Minnesota’s Construction Economy Heats up in 2014. The bulletin stated how many new ventures/projects are coming to Minnesota.

Treasurer’s Report

100 EDA General Fund Loan	\$(943,299.29)
240 EDA Fund	\$435.00
480 EDA Quad 35 Project Fund	\$3,096,224.00 (Land Value)
481 EDA Quad 35 Bond Fund	\$00.00
482 EDA Quad 35 RESERVE Fund	\$419,344.00

Set Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.(may be a change in date).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Krebs to adjourn. Second by Duraine.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Lemieux
Recording Secretary