

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING  
May 13, 2015

The May 13, 2015 Economic Development Authority meeting for the City of Columbus was called to order at 6:25 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, and Assistant Secretary Lorie Lemieux.

Also in attendance: Pat Preiner, Mary Preiner, Jody Krebs, Denise Davis, and Jesse Preiner

**1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting – 6:25 P.M**

**2. APPROVAL – MINUTES February 25, 2015 EDA minutes**

*Motion* by Krebs to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2015 EDA meeting as written. Second by Daly. Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL – MINUTES March 18, 2015 EDA minutes**

*Motion* by Krebs to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2015 EDA meeting as written. Second by Daly. Motion carried.

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion* by Duriane to approve the Agenda presented. Second by Krebs. Motion carried.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Mursko shared with the Board that she had a conversation with Commissioner Sivarajah today indicating there may be a small bonding bill that will support transportation dollars and felt that it is important that the Columbus's project be included in this bill. However to do this we would have to increase our lobbying efforts with our lobbyists.

*Motion* by Krebs to approve up to \$5,000.00 to legislate to receive bridge design monies. Second by Peterson. Motion carried

Mursko also stated that it is important to get the City of Columbus on the "Bus Tour" for capital projects to get exposure of the bridge project

Duraine revisited the idea of Columbus hosting Taste of MN in the next year or so. Wilson will have a conversation with others at Running Aces to see if this is something they could host on their property, taking into consideration parking.

**6. OPEN BUSINESS**

Update – Retail Marketing Study.

Mursko stated that Jim McCombs has the draft study prepared and will present his findings at the next EDA meeting.

Update - ColumBiz Event

Attendance statistics were reviewed and the consensus from the Commissioners was that this year’s ColumBiz event was the “best one ever”. This year had the highest attendance and the most businesses attending the event. It was noted that a common concern was lack of patrol in the business areas. The comments/information received from attendees will be presented at the next meeting. Public Information Coordinator, Bronwyn Pope informed the members that the business list on the website has been implemented and shared that she will start looking at different social media policies that other cities have implemented.

**7. COMMISSION OPEN DISCUSSION**

Wilson inquired of the status of the land signs. Povolny stated that some of the area has been cleared and they are waiting for some other low lands to dry up to be able to get equipment on the property for clearing to erect the signs.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Motion* by Peterson to change the next Economic Development Authority meeting to June 10, 2015 at 6:00 from the regular scheduled July 8, 2015 meeting. *Second* by Daly. Votes as follows: Wilson - aye; Peterson - aye; Daly – aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Date – Changed to June 10, 2015

Treasurer’s Report

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion* by Krebs to adjourn. Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Lemieux  
Recording Secretary