

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Commissioners present: John Mortensen, Doug Henke, Chris Mallery (left at 8:35 am), Mary Bailey
Commissioners Absent: Stu Campbell
Others in Attendance: Todd Kieffer, Interim City Administrator Frank Boyles

The EDA meeting was held at City Hall.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Bailey seconded by Henke to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

APPROVE MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

Motion by Bailey seconded by Mallery to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2024, meeting and the financials. Motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/COMMENTS

REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Workout 24/7 Completed

Façade work was completed at Workout 24/7. Payment was sent to Tina Leininger.

Kenyon Foundation Meeting

A Kenyon Foundation meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20 at the All Seasons Community Center. Twenty-two people were present. Plymold, Southstate Bedding, and Ag Partners were identified as additional companies to contact. Ways to share information with the community were discussed. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the All Seasons Community Center.

Darvin Amundson Interested in Purchasing NAPA Building

Napa will be moving to their new building in the near future. The EDA does own the current building. Darvin Amundson expressed interest in purchasing this building. The EDA feels it would be best to maintain ownership of the building for now to see if the Municipal Liquor Store could be expanded.

January Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21 at 8:00 am at Cahill Bistro. Invites will be sent out in December. If space becomes an issue, the meeting will be held at the VFW with Cahill catering. Surveys will be sent out ahead of time and the findings will be reported back at the January meeting.

EDA Loan from KMU

Todd Kieffer and John Mortensen attended the October KMU meeting and told them that the EDA would get more information before asking for a loan from KMU.

NEW BUSINESS

Façade Improvement Application

Melissa Nunez applied for the Façade Improvement program for Che Che's Lunchera. They will be residing the front of the building and replacing one of the doors.

Motion by Bailey seconded by Henke to approve the Façade application for Che Che's Lunchera. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

City Council Approved CEDA Contract to be 2 Days/Week for 2025

Todd Kieffer reported that the city council approved extending the hours of his services to two days per week.

8th Street Development Feasibility

The city council approved the 8th Street development cost study by Bolton & Menk. Engineer Olinger will be presenting the study at the January council meeting.

Active Transportation Grant Submitted

Todd Kieffer submitted the Active Transportation grant to MnDOT. If Kenyon is selected for the grant, MnDOT personnel will work with Kenyon over a six-to-eight-month period to study and properly plan for all facets of the overall project.

University of MN: Center for Transportation Studies

This program is similar to the Active Transportation Grant but is partnered with the U of M Extension Regional Sustainable Development instead of MnDOT. Both were applied for, but in the event that Kenyon would be selected for both, Kieffer would recommend going with Active Transportation.

ITEMS FOR NEXT EDA MEETING

- A. Update on January Breakfast with Cahills
- B. Check status of board members terms as we roll into 2025. Henke recommended John Mortenson remain as President. Responsibilities of members will be reviewed.

COMMENTS

Next EDA Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 8:00 AM at City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bailey second by Henke to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 a.m. Motion Carried 3-0-0

Holli Gudknecht, Deputy City Clerk

John Mortensen, EDA President