

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 - 5:00 P.M. - 8150 BARBARA AVE

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Economic Development Authority of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2023, in person. EDA President Sue Gliva called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present In-Person: President Gliva, Commissioners: Dietrich, Murphy, Scales; Executive Director Rand, Interim City Administrator Hove, City Attorney McCauley Nason, Deputy City Clerk Malott, Public Works Director Connolly, Communications Manager Looze, City Engineer Merchlewicz, and Parks and Recreation Director Lares.

Present Virtually: Commissioner T’Kach

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2023, Regular Economic Development Authority Meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2023, Special Economic Development Authority Meeting.

C. Approval of Financial Claims.

Motion by Murphy, Second by Scales, to approve all consent agenda items.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. Introduction to Krueger Real Estate Advisors, IGH Retail Recruitment Consultant Firm – Lee Krueger.

EDA President Gliva introduced Retail Recruitment Consultant Lee Krueger.

Mr. Krueger discussed his experience and stated that he looks forward to helping retail opportunities grow around the City of Inver Grove Heights.

Commissioner Murphy questioned if there will be opportunities where residents will be involved during the process.

Mr. Krueger stated that a couple of open houses for residents will be scheduled in different areas around the City and at different times of the day in order to accommodate different residents.

Commissioner T’Kach questioned what sort of balance between art and commercial trends is he seeing.

Mr. Krueger stated that he is seeing a lot of experiential. Such as escape rooms, and axe throwing businesses. Traditional purchases have shifted to more delivery options.

President Gliva asked Mr. Krueger if he would share what ideas he had during their tour of Inver Grove Heights.

Mr. Krueger stated that Inver Grove Heights has great access to Highway 55, Highway 494, Highway 52. They are so visible, and we can utilize that to our advantage.

Executive Director Rand stated that Mr. Krueger will be hunting for ideas and opportunities.

Mr. Krueger stated that next month they will be attending International Council of Shopping Centers, ICSC, conference. There will be 20 - 30,000 people from the retail profession in attendance. There will be a lot of great networking opportunities.

B. MN Real Estate Journal (MREJ) Southeast Metro Summit for Twin Cities Real Estate Brokers & Real Estate Developers - Executive Director Heather Rand

Executive Director Heather Rand discussed the date for the Southeast Metro Summit for Twin Cities Real Estate Brokers & Real Estate Developers on May 24th, 2023, at the Mendakota Country Club.

Executive Director Rand discussed that Inver Grove Heights is a sponsor of the event and the cost has been included in the budget. Executive Director Rand asked the Commission for their input, questions, or topics they would like to see highlighted about the city during the event.

Commissioner Scales questioned if anyone from the City of IGH is a member on the panel. Executive Director Rand stated that a staff member from the Dakota County CDA is and checks in with her every other week.

President Gliva questioned if the local chamber would be interested in being involved. Executive Director Rand stated that they have been involved.

Commissioner Dietrich questioned how the success of this event will be gaged. Executive Director Rand stated that it has a lot to do with relaying information and sharing ideas when it comes to development.

5. ADJOURN:

Motion by Dietrich, Second by Scales, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy City Clerk Katie Malott