

AGENDA ITEM 3A

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 – 8150 BARBARA AVE

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session May 2, 2022, at City Hall. President Piekarski Krech called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Economic Development Authority Members Bartholomew, Dietrich, Murphy, and Gliva, Executive Director Rand, City Attorney Nason, City Administrator Wilson and City Clerk Kiernan.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Minutes from the February 7, 2022, Regular Economic Development Authority Meeting
- B. Consider Approval of Claims

Motion by Bartholomew; Second by Dietrich to approve all consent agenda items. Motion approved 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Staff Presentation on City and EDA Owned Land Parcels in N Concord Blvd/Riverfront Area

Heather Rand, Executive Director, introduced this item as a follow up to a query about what properties the city and the EDA own and what are the stated uses of the acquired properties.

Data is still being gathered about each parcel. This work requires collaboration and information sharing between Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Community Development, Finance staff and the City Attorney's office.

There has been turn-over of both staff and council since some of these parcels were acquired, as well as many changes to the housing market and patterns of economic activity (online shopping, work from home, etc.) since the last organized effort to create a redevelopment plan for this area.

B. Discussion of next steps for city to advance redevelopment in North Concord Blvd and Riverfront Area

Heather Rand, Executive Director presented to the Economic Development Authority the proposed next action steps. As a path to achieve a goals of what the redevelopment vision is for the area, staff recommends that the city and its EDA appoint a citizen task force to work with city staff to develop a small area redevelopment plan for city council consideration in 2023.

The plan would require professional assistance to develop, therefore a request for proposal would be developed and issued for a project consulting firm.

Funding: the Dakota County CDA (RIG) and Met Council have planning grants the city may apply for with local funding matching funds.

The small area plan when developed by the task force, would then be considered by the city council for final adoption and implementation.

Timeline: The task force would commence work in fourth quarter of 2022 for six months.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murphy; second by Dietrich to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Rebecca Kiernan.