

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
April 9TH, 2008

The April 9th, 2008 Arlington EDA meeting called to order by President Mike Feterl at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Feterl, Sorenson, Noack, Lundstrom, Councilmember Griep, Councilmember Vrklan

Members absent: Rosenfeld

Also present: Administrator Jaunich, Director Schultz

Minutes from the January 8th, 2008 meeting approved as presented.

Financial reports were reviewed with discussion and questions. Motion made and seconded to approve financial reports. Passed.

MMPA's proposal for locating wind turbine identifies the Nickel EDA property as the most viable. Noack reminded the group that initial uses for that property included commercial and apartment residences. His opinion was to not have that property used for the wind turbine. Vrklan was concerned with the residents already living in the area and the impact the tower would have on them. Other issues with this site include set-backs adhering to proposed city wind tower ordinance and interference with helicopter medical flight-paths. Motion by Noack and failed due to a lack of a second to not allow a wind turbine on the Nickel site. After considerable discussion, there was no solid opinion either way from the EDA on using the Nickel property for wind tower development. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Griep that if the Nickel property meets all the requirements and no hindrance to the medical flight-paths that the EDA would be willing to support the wind tower locating on the Nickel property. Motion failed 2-4.

Former tenant on EDA property, Duane Duenow has defaulted on the rent contract terms and the property can now be rented to other prospective renters. Sorenson motioned, Noack seconded to have the City Attorney send a letter of termination to Duenow on the Swenson property. Passed. Conversation continued concerning the future and rationale behind EDA ownership and the prospects of getting another tenant. Noack motioned, Griep seconded to advertise for a request for bids for a 1 year rental on the Nickel and Swenson properties. Passed.

EDA Comp Plan update participation was discussed. The EDA is to host a Comp Plan Update meeting for Arlington business owners to gather their

input on the Comp Plan. Cynthia Smith-Strack, Comp Plan coordinator, will facilitate the gathering. Vrklan motioned, Noack seconded, to schedule the EDA/Comp Plan meeting for June 4th at the Arlington Haus II at 6:30. Passed. Community Center as an alternative site.

The delinquency of the Arlington Enterprise/Al Giesen EDA revolving loan fund was discussed. Newer print technologies, advertising, an on-line presence, secondary printing opportunities and value of the business were points that were brought up that a prospective buyer of any newspaper will have to be aware of. A suggestion was made to have Director Schultz continue to be in contact with Al Giesen over a period of 60 days and if nothing happens then convene a meeting with Giesen to establish a framework of possible legal action. Also the Small Business Development Center was suggested as a means to assist Giesen in getting his finances in order.

A request for an extension of the lot loan building requirement from Arlington Developers was reviewed. Motion by Vrklan, second by Sorenson for a one-time extension for the construction start requirement to Arlington Developers with ADI to pay all legal costs for documents granting this extension. Passed.

Small Cities Development Program Administrator Pettipiece suggested changes reflecting payback requirements of a business regarding the business's 40% funding received from the Small Cities participation. Motion made by Sorenson, seconded by Lundstrom to accept the suggested payback requirement changes. Passed. Director Schultz is to follow up on the EDA/Arlington Industries established interest rate confusion and get an answer from Pettipiece regarding this.

EDA identification of a commercial/industrial area was discussed. The Comp Plan Committee is looking for an opinion from the EDA on what areas should be targeted as having commercial development potential. The recommendation to the Comp Plan Update Committee from the EDA is the Hennies/Arneson property in the NE quarter of the intersection of Hwy 5 and 401st Avenue.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 9th, 2008 Tech Conference Center.

President, Mike Feterl

Director, Denny Schultz