

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES**

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Arlington EDA meeting was called to order by President Mike Feterl at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Feterl, Sorenson, Lundstrom, Councilmember Vrklan  
Members absent: Rosenfeld, Noack, Councilmember Griep,  
Also present: Director Schultz

Minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

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

2009 EDA budget was discussed and a request of \$42,000 for fiscal year 2009 is to be passed along to the City Council.

Wayne Murphy, Council member and EDA member from Cokato, MN made a presentation on the First Impressions Program for community assessment. The Arlington EDA moved and approved to fully endorse its participation in the First Impression Program and designated Director Schultz to be the site coordinator for Arlington. Mileage and meal expenses for Arlington participants will be taken care of by the EDA. Director Schultz asked that the EDA suggest to him individuals that would be interested in visiting Cokato sometime in the next few months. Cokato will be presenting their "Impression" of Arlington sometime in the fall and Arlington will do likewise for Cokato in the same timeframe.

The Business Infrastructure Grant Program was discussed as a possibility for 2009.

Duane Duenow land rent issue was updated.

Al Giesen/Arlington Enterprise revolving loan issue was discussed.

According to an e-mail from City Attorney Arneson, no movement on the G.E.I.S. bankruptcy as it pertains to the EDA.

A lengthy discussion on the role of the EDA in City government took place. Larry reviewed the enabling resolution and will also review the Minnesota statute relevant to this issue. Mike Vrklan, speaking as a councilmember, appreciated the role that the EDA provides in reviewing, researching and doing the backgrounding on development issues and making recommendations to the City Council. He sees no conflict in the roles of both government bodies. Larry offered to confer with City Attorney Arneson on these issues and pass his opinions back to the EDA. Mike Feterl believes that the level of authority the EDA has over the Revolving Loan Program is one of recommendation to the Council and the level the EDA has over the Lot Loan Program is one of authority. The consensus of the EDA is that it has authority over real estate issues (Lot Loans) and the Council has authority over money and funding issues (Revolving Loans).

It was agreed that the EDA continue to meet quarterly but understand they could meet at the call of the chair to additional meetings.

Larry reported on his attendance at the Hwy. 212 grand opening and his involvement with the Southwest Corridor Coalition.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the Tech Conference Center.

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President, Mike Feterl

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Director, Denny Schultz