

MEETING NOTES

CLARA CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
INFORMAL MEETING

Monday
June 12, 2017
12:00 Noon

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLARA CITY, MINNESOTA

Present: Robert Schwitters, Rhonda Pieper, and Windy Block

Absent: Chad Forkrud (excused), Chip Goeman (excused), Jim Thein (excused), and Gary Nelson (excused).

Staff Present: Gene Wenstrom

Others Present: Josie Oliver (Clara City Herald), and Jeff Lopez (Chippewa County Commissioner)

1. Call to Order by *Temporary Chair Windy Block at 12:03 P.M.* *The Temporary Chair asked for an accounting of the members, and upon receiving such, declared that there was not a Quorum present. Upon acknowledging that an official meeting could not be held due to the lack of a Quorum, it was the consensus of the three Commissioners who were present to conduct an informal discussion with no action on the subjects as listed on the draft Agenda.*

2. Additions/Deletions/Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Action taken: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

3. (A) Regular Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2017.

Action taken: None.

3. (B) Special Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2017.

Action taken: None.

3. (C) Informal Meeting Notes for May 8, 2017.

Action taken: None.

4. Communications/Notices

4. (A) Letter, dated May 31, 2017, from the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging informing the City and EDA that its application for participation in the Age-Friendly Community Project has not been selected for an award, but that it did finish as a runner-up with the right of first opportunity to participate in the event that either of the two selected communities might decline their award—*The general content of the letter was reviewed.*

5. Reports from Officers and Committees

- 5. (A) Financial Report—*None*.
- 5. (B) Loan Servicing Requests, if any—*None*.

6. Reports from Staff and Administrative Officers

- 6. (A) Consideration of receiving and discussing the monthly update on items of interest to the EDA as authored by Consultant Gene Wenstrom.

Action taken: *Wenstrom reviewed his report for those members who were present.*

7. General Business

- 7. (A) Consideration of additional follow-up reporting from the EDA's initial review of its March 13th dialogue with Lane Schwitters, School Board Chair, and Brian Koslofsky, Superintendent for the MACCRA Y District No. 2180, regarding the recently defeated No. 2180 referendum. Based upon the EDA's initial review on April 10th, some members had volunteered to visit with certain key community members of the MACCRA Y District prior to considering any additional discussion as to what are thoughts and wishes of the EDA Commissioners regarding the possible scheduling of sharing sessions with the EDA's from Raymond and Maynard.

Action taken: *There was no new discussion to be had as the missing Board Members were the key to carrying this discussion on.*

- 7. (B) Consideration (continued) of establishing the price for bare land and/or lots in the City/EDA-owned portions of the South Hawk Creek Business Park. Also included may be discussion regarding the setting of policy as to what types of business are being sought, the amount of credit, if any, that ought to be considered for awarding to developers in recognition of their development of jobs and/or taxable building value and the design of the April 5, 2017 Amended Preliminary Plat.

Action taken: *A general discussion was held with no action taken.*

- 7. (C) Consideration of an informal offer for the City's sale of approximately 1 & ¼ acres of the EDA/City's recently purchased bare farm land from Bob & Kathy Condon to a retail business. The desired location is the property closest to MN Hwy 23.

Action taken: *A general discussion was held with the consensus of those present being that the property in question should be reserved by the EDA/City for the development of industrial and manufacturing businesses and jobs. No final action taken.*

8. Announcements—*No action is required.*

- 8. (A) The next Regular Meeting of the EDA --Monday, July 10, 2017, 12:00 Noon, City Hall.

9. Adjournment—*This informal meeting of the EDA was declared to be adjourned as of 12:38 p.m.*