

**CITY OF HANOVER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
JUNE 13, 2013 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order

President Todd Bartels called the regular EDA meeting of June 13, 2013 to order at 8:03 a.m. Present were Todd Bartels, Joe Kaul, Jim Hennessey, Keith Ulstad, John Vajda, and Randy Whitcomb. Councilor Warpula was absent. Also present were Interim City Administrator Bob Derus, City Clerk Annita Smythe and EDA Consultant Heidi Peper.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approved agenda as presented was made by Hennessey, seconded by Kaul. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 9, 2013 as presented was made by Whitcomb, seconded by Hennessey. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of May 2013 Accounts Payable and Financial Report

Kaul noted that everything appeared to be in order.

MOTION to approve the May 2013 accounts payable and financial report as presented made by Kaul, seconded by Whitcomb. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business

Follow-up on Green House Assisted Living Project

Derus gave an update on this project. He met with Brad Bass and his architect, and they have submitted a revised concept plan. The interest is still there and they want to keep moving on the project. Bartels asked if they had provided anything other than the concept plan, evidence of their intent. Derus explained not yet, but that the concept plan would be presented to the Planning Commission at their June 24, 2013 meeting. Hennessey stated it would be nice to have a planning application and fees before that meeting. He also asked if there had been any feedback from the Bridges Association about the concept plan. Derus replied that he shared it with President Jeff Grupp, but had not heard anything from that group. Ulstad asked about the status of the title of the property. Staff will check into this and report at the next meeting.

Plug Technologies Update

Peper gave an update to the group. Things are moving along. The company is working with their bank loan and ordering equipment. Some of their MIF funding is taking a little longer, but is still in progress. Peper is monitoring the hiring and income requirements needed to obtain grant funding. The process for the flow of MIF funds is MIF sends funds to the City, the City pays the Initiative Foundation, and the Initiative Foundation sends the funds to the local business.

5th Street Senior Housing Inquiry

Peper explained that the latest information on this proposal was that the company had missed a deadline for filing paperwork with the State of Minnesota, and was waiting for the next cycle to open. So, the project is currently on hold. Kaul explained that the group seemed happy with the level of support within the City and the EDA, and that they were just in a holding period for the present time.

New Business

Red Sky Brewing

Derus and Peper gave some background on recent meetings they have attended with James Anderley and his business partners regarding a possible brewery/taproom at the old Fire House location across from the River Inn. There was some discussion about the four properties and the site itself pertaining to past uses. There was additional discussion of the potential of partnering with the City to address some of the parking issues near the River Inn and the proposed site of Red Sky Brewing. The Board overall was in favor of the project moving ahead, and asked Derus and Peper to provide updates if there are ways for the EDA to assist in moving the project along. Peper replied that she has provided information and contacts for the investors group to assist them with their business plans and financing.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival submitted their annual request for the EDA to provide donated funds to cover a portion of their publication costs.

MOTION by Whitcomb, seconded by Vajda, to reimburse up to \$1,000 of the Harvest Festival's publication costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Jim Hennessey – Hennessey gave an update on a recent meeting held by the Senior Leadership Committee of Northwest Hennepin County, of which he is a board member. They recently held a senior health event that offered information and health screenings for seniors, along with estate planning and other information presented. It was very well-attended and well-received by the audience. Hennessey explained their group would like to partner with the senior center in St. Michael to try to extend their outreach across the river/county borders.

Todd Bartels – Bartels had questions about the house burn recently conducted by the Fire Department. Kaul gave some background history of the home and the owner's decision to demolish. Smythe explained that the home was donated and used as a training exercise by the Hanover Fire Department.

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn by Whitcomb, seconded by Hennessey. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Bob Derus, Interim City Administrator