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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2019²⁰²⁰

2020 A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
 - A. Ramme nominated Wyssling as Chair.
Ruppe made motion to elect Wyssling as Chair. Second by Korpela. All in favor.
 - Lemke nominated Ramme as Vice-Chair.
Lemke made motion to elect Ramme as Vice-Chair. Second by Korpela. All in favor.
3. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda		X	X	
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett		X	X	
Quorum	5	4	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Strategist Tim Erickson.

4. Approval of the November 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Korpela to accept the November 6, 2019 meeting minutes. **Second** by Lemke.
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit):
None.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

8. Goal Setting for 2020

- A. Director Bergman presented some economic development-based projects to focus on. He discussed retail target market analysis with accommodation focus, industrial analysis. The Corporation talked about doing a review the retail target market analysis accommodation, housing (higher end), and industrial needs to support existing industry; TIF District; Mentorship/Business Retention; Marketing for remote workers (Tech Maker Space); Redevelopment Ready Communities.

Motion by Korpela to accept the goals. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

9. Approve Meeting Schedule for 2020 (Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 3)

Motion by Ruppe to approve the meeting schedule. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

10. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

A. Redevelopment Ready Communities Priority Sites.

I. Update on Zoning Ordinance (Marihuana Ordinance).

1. Director Bergman gave an overview of how the marihuana ordinance process has been going. He encouraged the EDC members to come to the next Planning Commission meeting as they will be discussing the ordinance.

B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

I. Strategy 6.4 Workforce Development.

1. EDA Grant for Emergency Economic Development Coordinator.

- a. Director Bergman said that the county municipalities are working on getting a grant to fund an economic development coordinator

to help start a county wide economic development organization housed at the College.

2. Retention Program Visits

- a. Vicki Schwab with the MEDC made a visit recently.

II. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.

1. Update on Project Gogebic strategic planning session.

- a. The document has been complete and will be presented to the public soon.

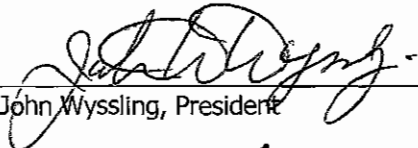
III. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces.

1. Korpela discussed collaborating with Invent@NMU and Invest U.P.

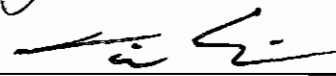
11. Other Business: Ruppe asked if the EDC has any outstanding revolving loan funds. Bergman said that Director Linn can give an update and that the debts are working toward being forgiven.

12. Next Meeting: March 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. **Second** by Lemke. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant