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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, March 3, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. via ZOOM

1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schonberg, Bob	X			
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett		X	X	
Quorum	7	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. **Second** by Ruppe. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Ruppe to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit):
None.

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

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. 2021 Goals.

I. Redevelopment Ready Communities Development and Priority Sites: The City is pursuing certification for the RRC program and will be sought after the zoning ordinance is complete.

II. MEDC Grants (i.e. Build to Suit Grant): MEDC grants and other grants will be sought along with RRC sites.

III. Internal Marketing (Outreach and education for Hospitality Industry): No update from staff.

IV. TIF District for Downtown: Wyssling brought up the use of brownfield demo for a boutique hotel location. Once the RRC certification is complete, the TIF district will be pursued.

B. COVID-19 Business Update: Bergman discussed the survival grant and stated that 14 businesses in the Ironwood area were funded. He then went through the City staff responsibilities with the applications.

C. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment License Application Update: The Planning Commission will be reviewing their first application at their next meeting. The public will be able to voice their concerns about the location. The locations of each establishment were addressed. Once the conditional use and site plan review process is complete, the applicants will be scored.

D. Zoning Ordinance Update: The draft is almost ready for review with the Planning Commission. The EDC will have the ability to go through the document in the next month or so.

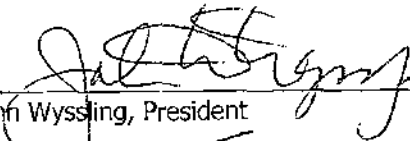
8. Other Business: Wyssling asked Meyer if businesses have been up to date with their Chamber memberships. Meyer said that they will be losing a few businesses, but it isn't as bad as initially expected. He mentioned that he also has gained some new members.

Bergman brought up the pandemic resiliency program through WUPPDR. A housing study for Ironwood will be a part of the project.

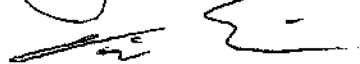
Lehto addressed the new Domino's in downtown and went over some of their plans.

9. Next Meeting: April 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant