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## Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, April 6, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in the Memorial Building Women's Club Room.


1. Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina	X			
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Ruppe, Mark		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Glen Ackerman-Behr	X			
Carolyn Libby	X			
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the February 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion** by Corcoran to accept the amended meeting minutes. **Second** by Ackerman-Behr.  
**Motion Carried 6 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda.  
**Motion** by Korpela to approve the amended Agenda. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 6 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. Review of By Laws: Director Bergman presented the By-laws and asked if they think it needs to be revised. The legislative act gives the EDC many abilities that weren't previously considered. Bergman talked about using the Comprehensive Plan, and other visioning and goal setting documents to guide the direction of the EDC. He talked about creating a toolkit for the next Comprehensive Plan revision. Meyer discussed having a mission and vision statement would be important to include.
  - B. 2022 Goal Setting (Continued): The Corporation discussed tackling housing because the other goals will be difficult to work without it. Bergman suggested asking the City Commission to budget for a local housing study. The City Commission would like to have more workshops and meetings with the specific boards. Ackerman-Behr asked about the Ironwood Housing Commission's role. Thorsen discussed getting a regional housing study. They discussed doing more research into creating more housing and potentially hiring a third-party consultant. Removing barriers for housing could be a goal. There is a problem with the quantity of contractors in the region. Ackerman-Behr talked about focusing on the current housing stock. The Corporation will work on identifying partners to work with. Bergman will draft something for the next meeting and to reach out to Jeff Ratcliff from the Keweenaw EDC to join the next meeting.
  - C. Update on Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan: The survey that was sent out had a very high engagement.
  - D. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment License Application Update: Bergman gave an update on where the City Commission is. He discussed the business that is already open and the potential amount of revenue for the City.
  - E. Zoning Ordinance Update and timeline:
8. Other Business:
  - A. The Corporation will invite Jeff Ratcliff from KEDA.
9. Next Meeting: May 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Corcoran to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



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Michael Meyer, President



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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant