



**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JUNE 6, 2018 8:00 AM
CITY HALL -- 1245 WEST HIGHWAY 96**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

City Planner Matthew Bachler called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Evan Cordes, Brendan O’Meara, David Radziej and Sheila Bennett Kilander

Also Present: City Planner Matthew Bachler and Deputy Clerk Jolene Trauba

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was the consensus of the Commission to accept the agenda as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was the consensus of the Commission to accept the March 7, 2018 and May 2, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

4. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Small Business Networking Events

City Planner Bachler noted that the EDC’s 2018 work plan included exploring opportunities to partner with adjacent communities to organize small business networking events. Shoreview has a Business Exchange event that is an open forum with City representatives. Roseville has a Business Council meeting each month from January through October and small business seminar quarterly with the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. Mounds View and New Brighton have no regularly scheduled events. The Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce holds a quarterly meeting for the North Metro Business Council, which is comprised of Arden Hills, Mounds View and Shoreview. The meetings are free to attend even if the business is not a member of the Chamber. Arden Hills is promoting those meetings on our website. Arden Hills has the State of the City event with a networking component, and the City could collaborate with Shoreview for other events.

Commissioner David Radziej mentioned that the Twin Cities North Chamber also holds legislative breakfasts nine times a year. He felt Arden Hills might want to piggyback on other events rather than create new ones.

After discussion, it was decided that the EDC would support the Twin Cities North Chamber's events and continue to explore a second informal networking event with city representatives at Tavern Grill or similar locations along with the State of the City.

B. Business Retention and Expansion Program

City Planner Bachler asked if anyone had updates on businesses they may have visited.

Commissioner Radziej said he would visit The Goodprinter.

Commissioner Sheila Bennett Kilander agreed to visit Red Fox Innovations, The Alpine Factory and CM Jarvis Furniture Leasing so all businesses on the current list would be assigned.

Commissioner Brendan O'Meara asked if there were any new businesses in the city.

City Planner Bachler stated there were no new businesses that have opened since the last EDC meeting, but there is a new pool chemical company opening soon. He noted Lexington Station Phase 2 spaces have been leased, Dunn Brothers Coffee will open in July, the Smith Medical building has been partially leased to Intricon, and Primrose Daycare will be opening in the Bremer Bank building.

5. UPDATES

A. Commission Members

None

B. Council Liaison

Not present

C. Staff Comments

City Planner Bachler noted that the Marriott Springhill Suites has submitted a building permit. Land O'Lakes has started moving employees to their new facility addition. Construction continues on County Road F where a new traffic light will be installed at Innovation Way. TCAAP negotiations continue between Ramsey County and the developer.

City Planner Bachler recommended cancelling the July 11 EDC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Dan Erickson, Chair

Jolene Trauba, Deputy Clerk