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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, August 28, 2014 ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS 7:00 PM

The Economic Development Commission held its Regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2014.
The meeting began at 7:08 P.M.

Roll call:

Greg Seccombe	present
Vincent Scarlata	present
Bart Flaherty	present
Sal Hanaif	absent
Keith Murray	absent
Terri Goldson	present
Bill Luneski	present
Horace Behrle	present
Jeff Sweeney	present

7 present, 2 absent

Also present:

Sheila O'Malley, Economic Development Director

Mr. Seccombe opened the meeting at 7:08. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Seccombe entertained motions to accept July's minutes. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Seccombe then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. There was no one that wished to speak from the public.

Mr. Seccombe then asked if there were any communications. There were none. He then asked if there

were any bills. There were no bills.

Mr. Secombe then requested that Director O'Malley give the board her report. She stated that there were a few grants that came in. They received a grant for \$500,000 for Economic Development activities. The application that was submitted was for acquisition, demolition, clean up and assessment activities related to redevelopment.

She then stated that she would like to increase the revolving loan fund and make that a little bit more flexible. She would like to increase the dollar amount on the loan and give people a bit more flexibility and allow them to use the funds for the inside of the building as well as the outside.

Mr. Sweeney asked how this money was going to be earmarked. He was told that it's for Economic Development activities so there will be discussions at future meetings of this commission and the EDC as to how those funds will be allocated. Since these funds are from Urban Act, there is no deadline for when the funds need to be spent.

Mr. Behrle asked about the status of the ATP building. He was told that they are working on trying to figure out what is the best way to redevelop that property. He then asked if Ms. O'Malley was aware that the floor of the Senior Center is sinking. She told him that she was now aware of this and thanked him for telling her about this.

Ms. O'Malley then stated that they received another \$50,000 in total for a feasibility study for the armory, Farrel's, Palmer and ATP buildings. Another \$10,000 was provided by United Illuminating to be added to the \$50,000.

Mr. Secombe then moved onto discussing website development. He was told that by as early as next week, the site should be up and running. Mr. Dave Connelly was present. He is the developer for the site. There was a short discussion regarding the information that will be on the website.

Mr. Secombe then moved on to the façade loan program. He stated that they have received two loan applications and they are up for a vote. L2 Innovate is requesting the full amount. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Behrle. All members were in favor of the motion with Mr. Luneski abstaining. The motion was approved.

The second application is for DiGioviani Catering that will be opening a business across from Eddie's Bake Shop. They are looking to power wash and paint the building. The washing is part of the painting process. This location was the former Safari Lounge. All of the aluminum work had been painted purple. Mr. Behrle made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All were in favor of the motion. There were no further applications to review.

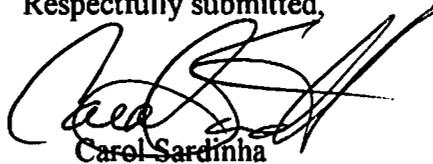
There was a short discussion regarding fees that are assessed and if they can be waived. The Board of Aldermen can waive the fees for permits.

The Board was then informed that Mr. Murray's mother passed away and the Board is sending flowers to him. Mr. Scarlata then informed the board that he has been offered a new job that will cause him not to be able to attend any future meetings and thus he is resigning as a member of the commission.

There was no further business to come before the commission. Mr. Secombe entertained motions to adjourn. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Sardinha', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name 'Carol Sardinha'.

Carol Sardinha