

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 14, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.**

The Belle Plaine Economic Development Authority met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2007 in the Government Center, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. President Lisa Fahey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tim O'Laughlin, Phil Fischer, Jenna Tuma and Troy Witt. Commissioner Dawn Underferth arrived at 5:38 p.m. Commissioner Ken Edaburn was not present. Also present were Executive Director Trisha Rosenfeld and City Administrator David Murphy.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MOTION by Commissioner O'Laughlin, second by Commissioner Tuma, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. April 9, 2007 Regular Session of the EDA.**

MOTION by Commissioner O'Laughlin, second by Commissioner Tuma, to approve the April 9, 2007 Regular Session of the EDA as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. TREASURERS REPORT. 4.1. Approval of Bills.**

MOTION by Commissioner Fischer, second by Commissioner Witt, to approve the payment of bills as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. BUSINESS.**

**5.1. Update on EDA Marketing Plan.**

President Fahey referenced a memo dated May 14, 2007 from Community Development Director Rosenfeld regarding an update on the EDA marketing plan.

**5.1.1. Healthcare Facility.**

Community Development Director Rosenfeld reported that staff will be preparing a healthcare needs survey to be distributed to all residents in Belle Plaine within the next few months. Distribution will also be available online through the assistance of Scott County. A draft survey will be presented to the EDA at the June 11, 2007 EDA meeting for their review and recommendation.

**5.1.2. Outlet Center.**

Community Development Director Rosenfeld reported that the marketing materials for the outlet center have been mailed to national developers. Staff will be following up with each developer.

**5.1.3. Higher Education Center.**

Community Development Director Rosenfeld explained that she has not heard any response from MNSCU regarding an expansion site. Commissioner O'Laughlin commented that the City of Shakopee feels confident in their bid as a site for the MNSCU facility.

Commissioner Underferth arrived at 5:38 p.m.

## **5.2. Review 2007 EDA Work Plan and 5-Year Goals.**

President Fahey referenced a memo dated May 14, 2007 from Community Development Director Rosenfeld regarding the 2007 EDA Work Plan and Goals.

Community Development Director Rosenfeld updated the list of 2007 Work Plan and Goals and asked the Commissioners for their comments and recommendations.

Commissioner O'Laughlin and Tuma commented on the importance of communication. Councilmember O'Laughlin also suggested that the EDA provide information about the Scott County Transit System. He believed that the citizens of Belle Plaine are not utilizing the transit system to its full potential. Commissioner Witt suggested that a link be added to the City's website regarding Scott County Transit. The Commissioners briefly discussed the Scott County Housing Study and affordable housing.

## **5.3. Update on Financial Incentives offered by the City of Belle Plaine.**

**TIF and Tax Abatement  
Revolving Loan Fund  
Façade Improvement Grant  
Commercial Rental Incentive Program  
Incubator Space  
Twin Cities Community Capital Fund  
Commercial Development Updates**

President Fahey referenced a memo dated May 14, 2007 from Community Development Director Rosenfeld regarding financial incentives offered by the City of Belle Plaine.

Community Development Director Rosenfeld referenced her memo that including details about each on the incentives. She explained that the City Council will be hosting a financial workshop on May 17, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. The EDA Commissioners are invited to attend.

Commissioner O'Laughlin suggested that the Twin Cities Community Capital Fund be promoted as it is a great financial tool. Commissioner Witt suggested that staff inform the realtor for the former EH building about the TCCCF program. Staff will provide an update about the TCCCF program at next month's meeting.

Community Development Director Rosenfeld explained that the EDA incubator lease space program will end in December 2007. She will contact Airbone Athletics about potential lease space. The Commissioners will decide at an upcoming meeting as to whether the lease program will be extended.

## **5.4. Commercial Development Updates.**

Community Development Director Rosenfeld provided updates on upcoming activities. She reported that the TH25/TH169 interchange ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for June 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. She explained that it is anticipated that Shingobee Development will be presenting a concept plan for commercial development near Hickory Boulevard/County Road 64. A developer has inquired about the Swedlund property located adjacent to County Road 64.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE.**

**6.1. Financial Workshop for City Council on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.**

**6.2. Next meeting will be Monday, June 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.**

The Commissioners were reminded of the upcoming meetings as listed.

**7. ADJOURNMENT.**

MOTION by Commissioner Witt, second by Commissioner Underferth, at adjourn at 6:31 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings  
Recording Secretary