

**ROBBINSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER:

1. The Robbinsdale Economic Development Authority (REDA) meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Parisian.

MICROPHONE CHECK:

2. Complete.

ROLL CALL:

3. Members Present: Wagner, Blonigan, Webb, Murphy, President Parisian
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Tim Sandvik, Executive Director

#4A-B CONSENT AGENDA:

4. **MOTION** by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Blonigan to approve and place on file the Consent Agenda Items #4A-B:
 - A. **Motion** to approve and order placed on file minutes of the following:
 - **Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023**
 - B. **Motion** to approve Disbursement Requests for **period ending March 14, 2023.**

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

7A: NEW BUSINESS: Partnership with Hennepin County in the New Elevate Business Program

5. Pearson presented the staff report. Introduced the new Elevate Business program partnership to provide consulting services to start up business. Provided a history of the "Open to Business" program and how Hennepin County has developed the program with additional services.
6. Member Webb asked what additional services might be available. Pearson stated that there are possibilities for upgrades to a business like computers. This will help businesses to move to the next phase after starting their business.
7. Member Blonigan asked who keeps track of the number of users from Robbinsdale of this service. Pearson stated that he hopes this could be put in the contract.
8. Member Murphy supports this program. Great investment to promote small businesses in Robbinsdale.
9. President Parisian expressed support for the program, excited for the opportunity it brings to our community.

10. **MOTION** by Member Wagner, seconded by Member Webb to authorize the Executive Director to sign the letter of support for the partnership with Hennepin County to "Elevate Business" in Robbinsdale.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#7B: NEW BUSINESS: Tour of the Reeve Apartments – 4600 Lake Road

11. Pearson presented the staff report for a tour of the Reeve Apartments on May 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm. It is currently 35% leased. This will be a public meeting.
12. **MOTION** by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Wagner for a special REDA Work Session to tour the Reeve Apartments on May 9, 2023 starting at 6:00 pm at 4600 Lake Road.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#9A: INFORMATION ONLY: Project Update:

13. No action required.

#10: REDA GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS:

14. Member Blonigan stated that he has toured The Reeve and it is a nice building. Also noted an article from the Minneapolis Star Tribune 3/12/23, *Why Didn't Minneapolis Gobble Up Its Suburbs*". Seven times, there was a No vote from the citizens of Robbinsdale to join the City of Minneapolis.

#11: ADJOURNMENT:

15. **MOTION** by Member Blonigan, seconded Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Mia Parisian, REDA President



Tim Sandvik, Executive Director