

**ROBBINSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MICROPHONE CHECK:

2. Complete.

ROLL CALL:

3. Members Present: Kline, Webb, Blonigan, Backen, President Selman
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Marcia Glick, Executive Director
Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator

#4A-C CONSENT AGENDA:

4. **MOTION** by Member Backen, seconded by Member Kline to approve and place on file the Consent Agenda Items #4A-C:
 - A. **Motion** to approve and order placed on file minutes of the following:
 - Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022;
 - B. **Motion** to approve **Insurance Renewal – Waiving the Statutory Tort Liability Limits**;
 - C. **Motion** to approve **Disbursement Requests** for period ending April 12, 2022.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#6A: NEW BUSINESS: Forgivable Loan Program – Façade Improvements

5. Glick reviewed the staff report. There was a robust discussion and a lot of questions pertaining to insurance coverage and other details.
6. Consensus was to investigate the request further. Discussed what could be done at the site to prevent future damage. This will come back at the May meeting.

#8: INFORMATION ONLY: Project Update

7. Glick had followed up with tenant at 4614 41-1/2 to discuss market rate lease costs. The lease continues through August. Requested information on utility costs and subleases to test other ways to look at the building rent.
8. Glick toured 3359 Grimes Ave N. The property has sold. Closing date April 29, 2022. Selman recalled an earlier visit to the home.

#9: REDA GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS:

10. Member Kline noted that it was nice to tour the home at 3359 Halifax before the meeting. Attended the 281 District meeting this morning (focus group on the school district vision) – felt awkward.
11. Member Webb stated that she heard the Bird Bash was a success. Great when community members volunteering of both residents and parents. Shout out to Lindsay J. and Kathy F. for sharing their time. Also attended the meeting at 281. Didn't feel the meeting was cohesive or organized. Questions regarding SROs in the school, mental health and building relationships with parents.
12. Member Blonigan noted that 3359 Halifax sold for \$595,000, with 5 bedrooms. REDA had an opportunity to sell the lot for a more modest home. Upgraded the neighborhood. Attended the Bird Bash. Appreciates the volunteers' efforts. Last year raised over \$60,000. Appreciates community donations. Every year is a different focus. Last year it was multicultural books. This year it is purchasing instruments for the music department.
13. Member Backen noted stated that the Bird Bash is important to our community. Glad it was a success. 3359 Halifax is a beautiful, custom built home that fits nicely on the lot. A great addition to the neighborhood. Replaced blighted home with a beautiful new home. Thanked the builders.

#10: ADJOURNMENT:

14. **MOTION** by Member Blonigan, seconded by Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Marcia Glick, Recording Secretary



George B. Selman, REDA President