

**ROBBINSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, Murphy, Webb, President Parisian
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Tim Sandvik, Executive Director
Rick Pearson, City Planner
Ron Batty, EDA Attorney

#4A-B CONSENT AGENDA:

4. **MOTION** by Member Murphy seconded by Member Webb 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 July 11, 2023**
 - B. **Motion** to approve Disbursement Requests for **period ending August 8, 2023.**

The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.

#6A: OLD BUSINESS: Letter of Intent with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans:

5. City Planner Pearson presented the staff report. Presented the current site plan submitted by MACV. Discussed the land the EDA would license to the MACV for parking and the dumpster area. Key points; revocable license by EDA; MACV expected to improve and maintain the parking areas; rent reduction; hire surveyor to legally describe the land to become part of the agreement. Market value of property to be determined.
6. President Parisian opened the floor to the Board for questions.
7. Member Webb asked if it is legal to tie rent reduction to police calls to the property. EDA Attorney Batty explained that it is legal and encourages good behavior and not tolerating bad behavior.
9. Member Webb suggested some type of support for the veterans. Mr. Pearson stated that the MACV will have staff on site to assist the veterans.
10. Member Murphy noted that Claire Housing property did not have any incentive to reduce police calls.

11. Member Blonigan noted that control more important than incentive. The EDA has the right to revoke the license at any time. Moral duty to support veterans.
12. President Parisian added that she would be comfortable with a reasonable, flat rate with no incentives.
13. Member Webb agreed with President Parisian.
14. Pearson noted that if the use becomes illegal we can issue fines.
15. Member Wagner agreed with Member Blonigan. Supports this project and a flat rate.
16. Executive Director Sandvik clarified that the maintenance of the property will be conducted by MACV. Mr. Lovold can speak to some of the mechanisms MACV will be using.
17. **Mr. Jon Lovold, Chief Operating Officer of MACV addressed the Board**
Encouraged by the Boards comments in support of this project. Provided statistics on homeless veterans in the area. The MACV organization has no intent of turning this property into something it is not other than providing services to veterans. Hennepin County came to us to see if we wanted this property for veterans and we are ready to be held accountable for anything that happens on this property. MACV wants and will be the best neighbors we can possibly be.
18. President Parisian thanked Mr. Lovold for sharing his thoughts, experiences and intentions.
19. Member Murphy stated that Robbinsdale supports veterans and their families. Did not want MACV to be discouraged.
20. Member Blonigan asked how they handle situations with their clients. Mr. Lovold replied yes it is rare that we have issues but you will never see MACV not address the issue to mitigate and minimize any effect on the neighbors or residents of the building.
21. Pearson asked if the residents will have leases and what are the terms in the leases. **Mr. Lovold** replied that they have program guides but yes, they do have leases. Legally we have to have leases, month-to-month or permanent lease for one year. Status of the lease depends on the tenant's behavior.
22. Member Wagner asked for an invite to tour the property once it opens, meet some of the residents. **Mr. Lovold** stated yes they welcome touring the property. All are welcome to come to see the space. MACV does plans to have an open house.
23. Member Murphy stated that the if MACV residents need assistance with household goods, moving, basic items, reach out to the city manager if your residents need assistance, just let us know. If you have a list of what is needed just get it to us.
24. President Parisian thanked Mr. Lovold for a wonderful conversation with great questions and comments all around. Consensus of the Board is to move forward.

25. **MOTION** by Member Blonigan, seconded by Member Murphy to direct staff to negotiate a letter of intent to allow the Robbinsdale Economic Development authority and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans to license the property at 4628 41st Avenue North.
The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.

#7A: NEW BUSINESS: Recess to Closed Session to Consider the Purchase of Property

26. **MOTION** by Member Wagner, seconded by Member Webb, to recess to a closed session under MN Statutes Section 13D.05, to consider the purchase of a property.
The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.
RECESSED AT: 7:48 PM
RETURNED AT: 8:12 PM

#9A: INFORMATION ONLY: Project Update

27. Pearson reported that The Reeve is 97% leased and 82% occupied.

#10: REDA GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. Member Murphy stated that the area next to EMI has numerous dead trees that should be removed. Executive Director Sandvik replied that we will reach out to whoever the owner is the area to address the issue.
29. Member Webb asked if residents that have issues with a property regarding upkeep can they call you directly. Mr. Sandvik replied that he is easy to find on the website but Mr. Pearson's staff handles general code enforcement complaints.

#11: ADJOURNMENT:

30. **MOTION** by Member Murphy, seconded Member Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.
The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.



Mia Parisian, REDA President



Tim Sandvik, Executive Director