

**ROBBINSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017
BROADWAY COURT APARTMENTS
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

1. The Robbinsdale Economic Development Authority (REDA) meeting was called to order by President Backen at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

2. Members Present: Selman, Murphy (6:05p), Blonigan, Rogan, President Backen
Staff Present: Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator

DISCUSSION: Listening Session – Broadway Court Apartments

3. Over 25 residents attended the Listening Session with REDA Commissioners. Broadway Court residents listed concerns primarily focused on the length of the elevator being out of service, possible alternatives and communication issues with the current management company Great Lakes, and inquired about the role of REDA and the bidding process.
4. Linda Hrobek, 4101 West Broadway #201 acted as a spokesperson for residents questions. She facilitated the expressed concerns of several residents including:
 - The Great Lakes answering service – calls are supposed to be returned within 20 min. which hasn't been the case. In addition, the service has hung up on residents. The management company is good at communicating regular items to residents but not when it comes to communicating about irregular items. What about emergencies?
 - Wanted to know what the REDA is and how it works. Member Blonigan explained the history of the REDA and how it built Broadway Court.
 - The elevator was out of service for 5 days, a very long time. A senior building should have more than one elevator, or alternatives such as a ramp, or even a stair track seat (as seen on TV).
 - Could the Fire Dept. generator be used in the case of a power outage, or could Broadway Court have its own generator?
 - How does the REDA decision making process work and what are the goals are for the facility. How does the bid process work?
 - When will the atrium be finished?
 - Further concerns included the intersection of 41st and West Broadway and if the street light at the bus stop would be replaced.
 - Why can't Robbinsdale have a 311 messaging system for Public Works?
 - Why is the 9 pm siren so loud? Can it be turned down, or the duration reduced?
5. Commissioners walked through the bidding process of the REDA along with the Capital Improvement Plan Schedule and discussed generally what the

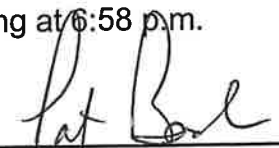
responsibility of REDA is versus the contracted property manager. Commissioners encouraged residents to state their wishes to the property manager, Great Lakes. They would also be making suggestions to the current property manager. Commissioners also encouraged residents to call the city for code enforcement violations and other illegal activity they see on the street.

ADJOURNMENT:

6. **MOTION** by Member Backen adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.



John Tingley, Recording Secretary



Pat Backen, President