

**ROBBINSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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: Blonigan, Murphy, Webb, Wagner, President Parisian
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Rick Pearson, City Planner
Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager
Ron Batty, EDA Attorney

#4A-B CONSENT AGENDA:

4. **MOTION** by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Wagner 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 August 8, 2023**
 - **Changes to line item #3 to add Ron Batty and line item #26 to 8:28 return time on August meeting minutes.**
 - B. **Motion** to approve Disbursement Requests for period ending September 12, 2023.

The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.

#6A: OLD BUSINESS: License Agreement with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans:

5. Pearson presented the staff report for negotiating the letter of intent for Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) at 4628 41st Ave N. Presented the latest site plan for this property. It has evolved to the point where the Planning Commission has reviewed it and adopted a recommendation to forward to the City Council. The parking and dumpster areas have been clearly identified.

Mr. Lovold has reviewed the letter of intent and had no further concerns. EDA would need to determine the amount of rent to be paid.

6. President Parisian noted that industry standards are between one and two percent of the property's value as a way to determine rent.
7. Member Blonigan noted that the purpose of the owners indicate their intentions. Supports between \$180 and \$200 per month. Since Broadway Court is losing some of their land the funds should be spent on the residents of Broadway.
8. Members Murphy, Wagner, Webb and President Parisian supported the \$180 per month rent.

9. **MOTION** by Member Blonigan, seconded by Member Webb to approve the monthly rent amount of \$180 for the land described in the license agreement with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans.
The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.

10. **MOTION** by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Blonigan to authorize the Executive Director to execute a license agreement with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans for use of land at Broadway Court for the parking and dumpster enclosure.
The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.

11. Member Blonigan stated that a periodic review of the amount of rent should be reviewed again in 2025.

#9: INFORMATION ONLY: Project Update

12. Pearson noted that The Reeve is 97% leased of 118 units.

#10: REDA GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Member Blonigan noted that the EDA Chamber of Commerce was very well attended. Thanked the chamber of Commerce, businesses, and residents to come downtown and complimented many of the businesses. Thanked Rick Pearson for voicing concerns regarding the Blue Line concepts on transit station locations.
14. Member Webb issued congratulations to the new chamber president Shay Vanderberg, the owner of Lakeview Terrace Farmers Market, which we as a community need to increase support for the market in order to make it sustainable. Needs some type of clarity and understanding as to what does a community garden mean in Robbinsdale.
15. President Parisian asked if the Fun Fund could be accessed to make the garden plots more accessible to residents.

#11: ADJOURNMENT:

16. **MOTION** by Member Wagner, seconded Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.
The vote was 5-0 and the motion carried.



Mia Parisian, REDA President



Rick Pearson, City Planner