

MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

MICROPHONE CHECK

ROLL CALL

Present: Parisian, Wagner, Murphy, Blonigan

Absent: None

Staff: Tim Sandvik, Executive Director; Heather Rand, Community Development Director; Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Member Blonigan to approve tonight's consent agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- A. Approve REDA minutes of June 11, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Member Parisian to approve the Voucher Request. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- B. Program Updates: Robbinsdale Home Energy Squad Audits and Home Improvement Grants

Kirtz stepped forward and gave updates on a Center for Energy and Environment administered program pursuing energy-based audits for residents. She began by explaining that the city was awarded a grant from the Clean Energy Resource Teams to be utilized for subsidizing the cost for home energy squad audits for residents and that the city will be able to do 50 audits all together within the city. Staff has already scheduled and or completed 27 audits so far and residents have had positive reactions to the program.

Blonigan asked if the Center for Energy and Environment gets their funds exclusively from Excel Energy or does funding come from other areas.

Kirtz stated that she thinks the Center for Energy and Environment may receive external funding, but she is

unsure at this time.

Blonigan asked if staff would be able to gather data on how much a typical audit saves residents in money and energy.

Kirtz stated she could gather this information for the REDA members.

Rand stepped forward and spoke about the Robbinsdale Home Improvement Grants program. She stated that the Economic Development Authority has accumulated around \$50,000 so far for these grants. She discussed that 14 grants for single family homes have been awarded to residents since the beginning of this project. Those 14 homes awarded grants totaled around \$30,000 of the \$50,000 accumulated by the authority. She then described that the types of project improvements that qualify for the grants include interior remodeling, building additions, roofs, windows, solar panels, and insulation. These grants are intended for projects to help retain energy within homes and to be compliant with building codes.

Sandvik said that staff came forward tonight with these reviews as a way to show the REDA members the midyear statistics for both programs and how they are operating. He then said that staff wanted to share these reviews as well, since the city is approaching the budgeting season and that REDA will need to keep in the back of their minds if these programs should be continued or not.

Wagner stated he is pleased with the results of both programs so far.

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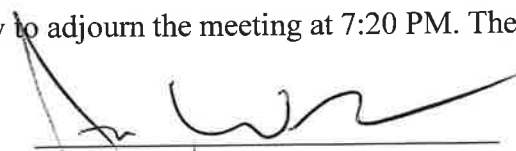
Blonigan said that Whiz Bang Days are the best 4 days of the summer and that he encourages residents to be apart of it and have fun.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Tim Sandvik, Executive Director



Aaron Wagner, President