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**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 8:00 AM  
CITY HALL -- 1245 WEST HIGHWAY 96**

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**SUMMARY OF MEETING – NO QUORUM**

Present: Commissioners Liz Johnson, Evan Cordes and Kyle Lassen

Also Present: Senior Planner Matthew Bachler; Council Liaison Brenda Holden; and Deputy Clerk Jolene Trauba

Meeting opened at 8:04 a.m.

**Senior Planner Bachler** stated that there was an absence of a quorum of EDC Commissioners. He noted that not motions or voting would occur until a quorum was recognized.

**1. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2016 State of the City

**Senior Planner Bachler** stated that this year's State of the City event will be held September 29, 7:30 – 9:00 am at Flaherty's Bowl. Representatives from the TCAAP Master Development team, Land O'Lakes and MnDOT will be making presentations.

**Senior Planner Bachler** indicated that advertising and promotion has begun. The event has been announced at City Council meetings, posted on the City's Facebook page, and an EventBrite page. He noted that a citywide postcard mailing would be going out, an email blast will be sent, and EDC members will be passing out postcards directly to businesses. CTV will be helping with audiovisual support and filming the event so it can be rebroadcast on the City's station and YouTube page.

A discussion ensued regarding the event and what information will be presented.

**2. UPDATES**

A. Rice Creek Commons (TCAAP) Update

**Senior Planner Bachler** stated that City and County staff, Ehlers and the Master Development team have been meeting on a weekly basis. The Master Development team held two work sessions with the City Council in August. They are looking at changes to single family and multi-family residential, parks layout and modifications to the proposal for the town center.

**Senior Planner Bachler** noted that a communications firm was approved to help the City respond to inquiries.

A discussion ensued regarding the entrances to TCAAP, densities, height, commercial activity and development phases for the TCAAP area.

B. Commission Members

None.

C. Council Liaison

**Councilmember Holden** asked for the Commissioners' thoughts about 12 story buildings possibly being built in the Town Center area of TCAAP.

**Commissioner Cordes** asked if there were any visuals to support the height.

Discussion ensued about height, densities and potential businesses.

**Senior Planner Bachler** noted the next joint work session between the City Council and the Master Development Team is September 19. He noted that he believed there would be visuals presented at that meeting.

D. Staff Comments

**Senior Planner Bachler** stated that the planned BRE visits may be postponed until there is additional staffing in place at City Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:45 a.m.

  
Dan Erickson, Chair

  
Sue Iverson  
Interim City Administrator