

Chair:
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Agenda

October 23, 2023

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Economic Development Authority

5:30 p.m.

City Vision

Arden Hills is a strong community that values its unique environmental setting, strong residential neighborhoods, vital business community, well-maintained infrastructure, fiscal soundness, and our long-standing tradition as a desirable City in which to live, work, and play.

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CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 24, 2022 EDA

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. EDA MEMBER COMMENTS

6. ADJOURN



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Approved: October 23, 2023

**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Chair Grant called to order the Economic Development Authority meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Present: EDA Chair David Grant; EDA Commissioners Brenda Holden, Fran Holmes, Steve Scott and David Radziej

Absent: None

Also present: EDA Secretary Dave Perrault; Community Development Director Jessica Jagoe; Finance Director Gayle Bauman; and City Clerk Julie Hanson

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: EDA Chair Grant moved and all EDA Commissioners seconded a motion to approve the EDA meeting agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 25, 2021 EDA

MOTION: EDA Commissioner Holden moved and EDA Commissioner Holmes seconded a motion to approve the October 25, 2021 Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Gateway Signs

Community Development Director Jagoe stated that staff was looking for direction on scheduling a future EDA meeting to discuss Gateway signs. She noted this was brought to the City Council in conceptual format in 2018 and six locations were identified, with the Highway 96/Lexington Avenue location being the priority.

Commissioner Radziej asked if the EDA had decided on one style or design for the signs and what the associated costs would be.

A discussion ensued regarding styles that have been debated in the past, the potential costs, and the locations of existing Gateway signs.

Commissioner Holden stated the City received multiple proposals for a sign at Highway 96 and Lexington Avenue but it is a problematic site because the Shoreview sign is so huge. She thought the location on Lexington Avenue and County Road D near the Dairy Queen was an important location as people do not realize that is Arden Hills.

Commissioner Holmes agreed but felt it would be difficult for a sign to be at that location due to being residential properties versus commercial properties. She thought this would be awkward.

A discussion ensued regarding the southern portion of Arden Hills, particularly near Lexington Avenue and County Road D.

EDA Chair Grant noted that the locations previously discussed were all entry points into Arden Hills.

EDA Secretary Perrault said that the intent at the meeting this evening was to gain insight if the EDA wanted to meet more regularly in 2023 or 2024 to talk about these projects. He noted he wanted to make sure that Community Development Director Jagoe has good direction.

Commissioner Holmes stated that Council previously indicated it wanted to wait regarding a sign at Highway 96 until TCAAP starts moving and perhaps businesses could contribute. She said she would like to see a schematic of a potential sign for the Lexington Avenue and County Road D location.

A discussion ensued regarding the properties located near the Lexington Avenue and County Road D location.

Commissioner Radziej noted he would like to see the same style of signage throughout the city, regardless if the size varies.

EDA Chair Grant recommended staff look at the current signs to determine if they have been durable or have any issues. The EDA Commissioners concurred.

Commissioner Holmes suggested a sign near Lake Valentine Road and Mounds View High School as many people do not know that the high school is located in Arden Hills.

Commissioner Holden thought Community Development Director could take a look at locations and bring fresh eyes and ideas to the table. She noted how expensive the signs can be.

Discussion further ensued regarding the list of potential locations that was created by the EDC. They concurred they would await recommendation from Director Jagoe.

5. EDA MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

6. ADJOURN

MOTION: EDA Commissioner Radziej moved and EDA Commissioner Holden seconded a motion to adjourn the Economic Development Authority meeting. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

EDA Chair Grant adjourned the Economic Development Authority meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Julie Hanson
City Clerk

David Grant
EDA Chair