

The Scandia Economic Development Authority met in the Board Room at the Scandia Community Center on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 beginning at 7:00pm. Commissioners Present: Tom Triplett, Greg Isaacson, Dan Lee, and Sally Swanson. Absent: Bruce Swenson. Staff Present: Kristina Handt.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Triplett.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Isaacson to approve the September 9, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Swanson to approve the agenda. Triplett mentioned he would begin circulating a signup sheet to contact businesses about meetings in November. Motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the draft annual report. Changes to make included changing workforce housing to lifecycle housing. The goals for that item would include examining the level of need, current zoning provisions to see if they support this housing, and consider recommendations, if needed, to change zoning to allow it. Lee asked to add "Business Liaison" as a goal to include developing a process or mechanism for business concerns to be heard and ideas shared. Handt will email out the revised changes to the commissioners. Once finalized the report will be shared with the Council, posted on the website, and used as a communication tool with the public.

Triplett informed the commission that a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and representatives from the Met Council will be on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7pm. The EDA will have a brief follow up meeting on Monday, December 8th at 7pm.

The commissioners discussed the fall meetings with businesses. Triplett asked to reword #6 on the agenda to refer to what the EDA can do to help businesses in the City. The commission divided up the agenda items that each will cover at the meetings as follows:

- 1-Tom
- 2-Sally
- 3-Dan
- 4-Greg
- 5-Bruce
- 6-Tom

Triplett recapped the commission's visit to Sue Rodjso's new co-working space business on Olinda Trail. Commissioners discussed the pricing strategy, additional furniture improvements Rodjso plans to make, cross business promotions, and renting the space to gamers or those offering classes. Triplett will invite Rodjso to a future meeting.

Commissioner Reports: Swanson commented on all of the people she saw while attending the first Scandia Shopping Extravaganza at the community center last weekend. Discussion on how these home based businesses should be involved in future EDA efforts. Triplett suggested inviting the Farmers' Market as well.

Executive Director Report: Handt reported Midcontinent is working on a broadband grant application that includes four areas in the city.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Motion by Lee, seconded by Swanson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristina Handt, Secretary