**Wabasso EDA**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

**5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with board members Pat Eichten, Chuck Robasse present. Karl Guetter attended via phone. Also present were McKenzie Fischer, Cyrilla MacDonald, Elizabeth “Kay” Hirsch, and Maxine Rasmussen.

The minutes of the Junel 7, 2023, meeting was approved on a motion by Robasse, second by Guetter

Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes; Robasse – yes.

**Appointing Brandon as New EDA Director** – Motion by Robasse, second by K. Guetter to appoint Brandon Baune as the New EDA Director taking over for Larry Thompson

Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes; Robasse – yes

Jim and Charlotte Salfer arrived at 5:15 p.m.

**Dewey St. 5-Plex Maintenance Concerns –** Cyrilla MacDonald, Elizabeth “Kay” Hirsch, Maxine Rasmussen and Charlotte Salfer each took an opportunity to voice their concerns about general maintenance issues at the Dewey St 5-plex. The board asked Brandon to compile the lists of issues he has received and get together with Jim and Josh to begin working on the items. They asked that we work on completing the general maintenance items on the list and make recommendations and get quotes on the larger items such as gutters, privacy fence and other items. Brandon also agreed to keep a log of issues as well as when these issues were getting taken care of. Brandon will report back to the EDA at the next meeting with a report on the progress.

**Monthly Spotlight** – McKenzie Fischer’s monthly spotlight was on EnvyUs Salon. Brandon will upload the article to the website and Facebook for the public to see.

**Plunkett’s Pest Control Proposal.** The board decided they are not getting into a contract with Plunkett’s Pest Control at this time and requested it be removed from the agenda going forward.

**Tanner and Becky Bock –** The board needs clarification from Mr. Novak on his research whether the EDA would need to replace the lot at 992 North Street if it were removed from the TIF District. The matter was tabled for a future meeting.

**Daycare Center –** The board requested this stay on the agenda going forward as it continues to be an important issue not going away. The board asked Brandon to research what area towns are doing about the daycare shortage and report on this and possible solutions at the next meetings. McKenzie Fischer getting Brandon contact info. For Joe Sullivan, who helped get Franklin’s new daycare facility off the ground.

**Zoning Ordinance -** Mr. Baune presented the updated map to the board.

**Cannabis –** The board brought up the need for the city to look at its ordinances now that cannabis is legal in Minnesota. Brandon noted that he has spoken with Mr. Novak about this and that it was being discussed at the next council meeting. Brandon will report to the board on discussions/actions by the City Council at the next meeting.

**Jim Salfer** – Jim Salfer asked what restrictive covenants state regarding the addition of a shed to his property. Brandon was instructed to get these to Jim.

**Development/Strategic Plan –** Brandon noted an article in the packet for a workshop on Business Succession Planning. The board thought this was good information and aske Brandon to post this to the website as well as getting the article to Nathan Jacobson so he can distribute to the commercial club members.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Motion by Robasse, second by K. Guetter, to approve the treasurer’s report as submitted.

Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes. Robasse – yes.

**Bills** – Motion by K. Guetter, second by Robasse to approve the bills for June and July as follows:

General Checking: $1,166.89

Dewy Street Checking: $ 618.10

Eichten – yes; K Guetter – yes; Robasse – yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Brandon Baune