

Long Prairie EDA Minutes of February 16, 2022 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Terri Jo Peery at 4:32 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Roll call was taken with the following present: Terri Jo, Mary, David, Bob. Lu and Rick Utech were also in attendance. Dallas and Lauren were absent.
4. Minutes of the January 2022 meeting were reviewed. On a Motion by Bob, second by Mary, the minutes were approved.
5. Financial report was shared with a current balance of \$69,823.72. Motion by David, second by Bob, the financial report was approved.
6. In Old Business, Rick shared an update on the Childcare Center. The estimated start up cost the first year would be \$130,000, and year two would be reduced to \$18,000. CentraCare Health would charge \$3800. Per month for rent. We may want to consider doing this project in partnership with CCH. Proposed to open at 5 AM and close at 7 PM to service shift workers. Center would have space for between 62-82 children. We believe Trinity Day Care is charging app. \$250/per week /child. A copy of the letter to be mailed out on 2/17/22 for the Corridor Project was shared. No changes were recommended. Little change in the progress on the Prairie Foods Building. We are waiting for further information from the Alexandria YMCA.
7. In New Business, a letter of resignation was received from Lauren Hebert, effective immediately. Terri Jo was willing to move to position of Chair. At this time we would like to recruit two new members. Several names were suggested for membership. On a motion by David, second by Mary, Terri Jo was approved as Chair. A couple By Law changes were recommended: Title changes to Chair and Vice Chair and membership to increase to nine members, including two City Council members, who must be appointed by the mayor and approved by City Council. Motion by Mary, second by David and approved to make these changes in By Laws. There was a brief discussion on the replacement of the "Welcome" signs and purchasing some new holiday decorations.
8. Next EDA meeting will be March 16, 2022 at 4:30 PM
9. Motion made to adjourn at 5:25 PM

Minutes submitted by Mary Schmidt, EDA Secretary