

LPEDA Minutes of January 19, 2022 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order by Pres. Lauren Hebert at 4:33 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Roll call was taken with the following present: Lauren, Terri Jo, Mary, Dallas, Bob, David. Lu and Rick Utech were also in attendance.
4. Minutes of the December 2021 meeting were reviewed, and on a motion by Bob, second by Terri Jo, the minutes were approved.
5. There was no Financial Report presented, however, it was emailed shortly after meeting.
6. Old Business: Update on Downtown Buildings included notes that Jeremy has requested bids for the façade of the Hart Building. Also, an architect will have an update on the Hometown Furniture Building on 1/20/2022. Don Hickman then joined us for discussion on Main Street Revitalization. He indicated that most of the funding available from DEED in the first round went to the Metro so the next allotment should go to greater MN. We talked about what is “downtown LP”? An allowance of \$750,000 is available to one business with a 2 to 1 match, money could go to multiple businesses, but has to be new money. This could be used for demo and/or construction costs. One third will come from state and two thirds from business owner. Don suggested creating a “zoning district.” Rick talked about the Child Care Center that is being considered for CCH West Campus. They want extended hour day care and need 80 children to break even, desired number up to 100. Donniel Robinson of the Entrepreneur Program talked about the 12 week Enterprise Academy. A letter from the EDA and city is needed to indicate we want to be part of this program. Lu updated on the Outdoor Ice Rink. There have been some delays and more work will be done on 1/20/2022.
7. New Business: The Ad and Article in the IQ Magazine on the SW Industrial Park in print. Bob motioned, with second from Dallas to approve sharing this expense between LPEDA and TCDC.
8. Next EDA meeting will be held on February 16, 2022 at 4:30 PM.
9. Motion made to adjourn at 5:37 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Schmidt, EDA Secretary