



Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting

8 a.m., Chamber Board Room

Committee members present: Pat Cedeno, Kyle Fleming, Brad Hodson, Jim Hoskins, Richard Oler, Mark Werner

Others present: Blake Benson, Daron Hall and Henry Menghini

Additions to the agenda: None

Consent calendar: Werner served as Chairman and began by ask for discussion regarding the minutes from the November 6 meeting. There was no discussion.

MOTION: Werner asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Hoskins so moved. Motion seconded by Hodson. All carried, motion approved.

New business:

CP Communications forgivable loan:

Benson presented the CP Communications project for forgiveness consideration, but stated that the information may be inconclusive. The company was required to expend at least \$680,000 in their building project and construct a new drive approach. Although both criteria were met, EDAC members directed Benson to obtain itemized receipts for three payments made to Home Center Construction. The EDAC felt comfortable in recommending loan forgiveness for the project pending receipt of this information.

MOTION: Oler moved that the CP Communications loan payment for 2013 be forgiven pending CP Communications provided itemized receipts for three payments made to Home Center Construction. Cedeno seconded. Motion approved.

Jake's Fireworks forgivable loan:

Benson asked to delay consideration on the Fireworks Leasing forgivable loan until the January 2014 EDAC meeting.

Project updates:

Benson provided a brief update on several ongoing projects, including the proposed expansion of Mastercraft, which is still active but moving slowly. The company is no longer considering the purchase of a Hutchinson-based company, which should reduce the overall cost of the project.

Benson also provided an update on a possible pop-up store in Pittsburg and has learned from Mike Creel that the Pittsburg Art Supply building is available for \$700 per month. EDAC members provided thoughts on how the pop-up store could work and suggested making the process as easy as possible for a potential operator. Werner recommended tying the Small Business Development Center into the operator review process.

The first draft of Pittsburg's hotel/retail feasibility study has been delivered and the final report should be ready in time for the January EDAC meeting. Benson also announced that the city had allocated all funds for phase III of the façade grant program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blake Benson