

**HEDRA
HASTINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

The Hastings Economic Development and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hastings City Hall.

HEDRA Commissioners Present: Johnson, Goblirsch, Horsch, and Pemble.

HEDRA Commissioners Absent: Anderson, Carter, and Fox.

Staff Present: Community Development Director John Hinzman
Economic Development Coordinator Alex Menke

I. Quorum

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 6:00 PM with four members present.

II. Minutes

President Johnson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2024.
Minutes were approved as presented.

III. Bills

Hinzman summarized the bills and pointed out the payments for the Economic Development Association of Minnesota Winter Conference, along with other billed items. President Johnson asked if there were questions regarding the bills.
Commissioner Goblirsch motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pemble. Ayes 4; Nays 0. Motion approved.

IV. Business

A. Open to Business Update – Natalie Mouilso

Hinzman introduced Natalie Mouilso, the City's Open to Business representative. Ms. Mouilso presented a summary of the year-end report and provided an update on services provided by the organization (Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers).

Commission discussion on most common challenges for starting a business in the community. Ms. Mouilso shared creating a strong foundation is key and the resources they have help to create that. Commissioners extended gratitude to Ms. Mouilso and the work she does with the program and asked questions regarding funding for the program. Ms. Mouilso indicated funding comes from a number of sources with the top two being the U.S. Department of Treasury and the State of Minnesota Deed Program.

B. Resolution #2024-04: Façade Improvement Program Grant – 101 2nd Street E

Menke introduced the request to approve the façade improvement grant for 101 2nd Street E. Menke indicated the request would provide funding to refurbish an entry door and installing a storm door. Menke shared the approval has been approved by the Heritage Preservation Commission for replacement standards.

No Commission discussion.

Commissioner Goblirsch motioned to adopt Resolution #2024-04 Approving the Façade Improvement Program Grant for 101 2nd Street E, seconded by Commissioner Horsch. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motioned approved.

C. Resolution #2024-05: Amendment to Façade Improvement Program Grant – 301 2nd Street E

Menke introduced the request to amend the façade improvement grant for 301 2nd Street E. Menke reviewed the original request would provide funding to demolish the existing awning, but not cover any additional work for brick or roof repair. Menke shared due to the circumstances, staff is supportive of approval and reviewed the revised reimbursement total.

Commission discussion on procedure for reimbursing for a project from a previous calendar year and considerations to review the existing program to encourage a streamlined process.

No Commission action due to lack of quorum. The item will be brought before the Commission again at the March 14, 2024 meeting.

V. Reports and Information

A. Development Updates:

Hinzman provided an update on current developments.

Commissioners posed questions on future developments for the Hastings Creamery site. Hinzman indicated there is not enough information at this

time to properly address the question.

Commissioner Pemble made a motion to close the meeting at 6:32 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Goblirsch. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting moved to a closed-door session.

VI. Closed Door Session

A. Review Potential Sale of Property

VII. Adjourn

- A. Commissioner Goblirsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pemble. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024

Respectively Submitted: Emily King