

North East Spokane

Public Development Authority

August 12, 2016

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Minutes – Approved

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm, a quorum was present

Attendance

NEPDA Members present: Richard Burris, Laura McAloon, Craig Riley, Joe Tortorelli, Nicole Hydzyk

Staff present: Melissa Owen

Consultants present: none

Guests present: none

1:00 pm to 1:05 pm **Welcome and Introductions**

Approval of Past Minutes – **Approval of July, 2016 minutes by Laura, M/S by Richard.**

Approved unanimously (with one edit related to vacant NEPDA position).

Discussion Items:

1:05 pm to 1:10 pm **Vacant Board Position Discussion**

Currently there have been no applications (verified with Mayor's Office). NEPDA would like to articulate the investment in time for prospective board members. Melissa to:

- Include vacancy information in the CEO luncheon thank you email;
- verify with Legal department the flexibility the NEPDA has with regard to the vacant position – business representative; and,
- Add member positions held and terms to the website.

1:10 pm to 1:15 pm **Community Meeting #2 Update (Hillyard Festival – August 5-7)**

Festival was well attended and many people stopped by the festival both. The North Spokane Corridor overshadowed the work currently being undertaken by the City, the NEPDA and EPA to assess and clean-up property as well as plan for key infrastructure improvements. Most visitors did not know that the industrial area had been branded The YARD. There may be a need to educate the public on the fact that the work being conducted for revitalization of The YARD does not impact the timing or funding of the N/S Corridor (US 395). Education should also include the need and benefits of planning for growth in advance of the interchange at Wellesley. Melissa will forward all NEPDA members the notes/comments from the outreach event.

1:15 pm to 1:25 pm **Grant Project Update**

Community Wide Assessment (CWA)

Tweaks are being made to the brownfield database in order that it is flexible and can be easily updated by the City for things like an industrial standard for underutilized parcels.

Area Wide Plan (AWP)

The priority project list and report are being reviewed and refined for the final report. The financing strategy needs additional work to identify non-local sources of funds for priority projects in particular.

The NEPDA would like to have some time to review the redundancy conversation – NEPDA members would like to make sure that we don't give up a lifeline for if/when facilities fail should this project item be removed from the planning document. Because industry looks at whether we have redundancy (some want triple redundancy) the NEPDA would like to see the information and have a conversation.

Melissa will forward the current draft recommendations/priority projects to the NEPDA for their review and consideration.

1:25 pm to 1:30 pm NEPDA Partners (Website Content)

The NEPDA would like to review what partnership means to the NEPDA. Melissa to add this to the NEPDA Board Meeting agenda for September.

1:30 pm to 1:40 pm NEPDA Meeting Times/Locations/Agenda Items/Q4 Executive Meeting/etc.

Board to discuss above at a future meeting in order that changes are adopted for incorporation in 2017. Meeting dates/times/locations to remain as they are through year-end.

1:40 pm to 2:00 pm Closing/Around the Room

WSDOT advisory committee – An initial group of advisory committee members met in August to discuss who else/groups should be included as advisory members. The appointed committee may bring back input to WSDOT; however, the advisory board has no authority to make decisions on design. The current membership would like to have an NEPDA representative. NEPDA board members feel that it will be important for the NEPDA representative to approach the process through an industrial development lens.

2:01 pm Meeting Adjourned