

North East Spokane

Public Development Authority

September 14, 2018

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Minutes

Attendance

NEPDA Members present: Anthony Carollo, Mike Fagan, Laura McAloon, Nicole Hydzik, Cheryl Stewart

Staff present: Andrew Worlock

Consultants and Guests present: Amber Waldref (the Zone) and Ron Valencia (representing County Commission Josh Kerns)

Meeting called to order

Discussion Items:

Approval of August 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Motion by Nicole Hydzik to approve the August 10 minutes with a minor correction; Seconded by Laura McAloon. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions or objections..

NEPDA new hire – The board discussed the status of the hiring process for the NEPDA staff position. It is hoped that the process can be completed prior to the end of this year. The board will use the MRSC Roster process to advertise the position to consultant firms that would be interested. In addition, several letters have been received from persons with interest in the position. Staff is requested to continue to press forward with the process.

NEPDA Expansion updates– The board discussed the status of the process to expand the NEPDA boundaries. It was mentioned that the appointment of County Commissioner Kerns to the PDA board would be considered by the Spokane City Council at their next meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018. A letter was drafted to the City Council President for Chair Carollo's signature indicating support for the expansion. A motion was made by Laura McAloon that the board approve the letter and authorize Chair Carollo to sign the letter and forward it to the Council President. The motion was seconded by Nicole Hydzik. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions or objections. Chair Carollo mentioned that more needs to be done in regard to community outreach around the expansion.

Beacon Hill – Chair Carollo provided an overview of the status of the Beacon Hill development. He mentioned that he and Pete Rayner will be meeting with Heather Trautman, Director of Neighborhood and Planning Services regarding the Vista's plat next week. The board discussed the motions made at the August 10, 2018 meeting in regard to the development agreement. There was concern that while the development agreement process seemed to be moving forward, a new deadline should be set and forward progress made. A motion was made by Laura McAloon to amend the deadline of August 31, 2018 to October 31, 2018 and further to request that staff provide the board an email update to the current status of the development agreement by the end of next week being Friday, September 21. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Stewart and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions or objections. Staff mentioned that the application for funding the Rowan Avenue improvements went in for the neighborhood council program "menu" phase of CDBG funding, with the application for the bulk of CDBG funds for the Rowan Avenue improvements project due in late October

Progress toward TOP 10 priorities – The discussion on the top priorities was relatively short however it was noted that progress has been made regarding expanding the NEPDA boundaries, the board's infrastructure priorities and hiring NEPDA staff.

Regional Economic Development joint work group - Chair Carollo mentioned that the joint work group had met recently. A letter has been prepared by the group requesting funding from Spokane County to help pay for the creation of a regional economic development website which will be managed by GSI and use the current Advantage Spokane website as the foundation. The funding amount being requested of the County is \$25k. It is expected that a similar request will be prepared for the other municipalities and organizations though it was not known what the overall budget was or whether other municipalities would be asked to participate at the same financial level. A motion was made by Laura McAloon to support the request and letter and authorize Chair Carollo to sign the letter for the NEPDA. The motion was seconded by Nicole Hydzik and was passed unanimously with no abstentions or objections. There was additional discussion about GSI's role on the joint work group and the need for them to lead on advocacy and bring in partners earlier in the process.

Notable Items - Amber Waldref, representing the Zone project was asked to provide an update of the work she is involved with. She indicated they are working on a 3year sustainability plan and look forward to announcing upcoming partnership with the Balmer Foundation focused on the "cradle to career" approach. They are working with Shaw Middle School, the City Library, NE Community Center and others around this initiative. The work will leverage the capital improvements proposed as part of the upcoming bond issues on the ballot this November.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Action Items:

- Report of the status of the Development Agreement for Beacon Hill (due September 21, 2018)
- 2nd Application for CDBG funds for public infrastructure within the upcoming cycle (due mid to late October).

Other/Ongoing Agenda items:

- Draft RFQ for consultant hire.
 - CDBG 2018-2019 funding cycle applications for Rowan Avenue project.
 - YARD Funding/Financing; PBIA, LID, LIFT, Next Steps (ongoing)
 - Opportunity Zone Designation, final rules for investment, funds developed and projects in which to invest.
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