

**JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

March 20, 2012

Greg Sticha called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Greg Sticha, Ray Sandey, Dan Elke, Tanya Velishek, Dave Wolf and Ron Jabs. Absent: Joe Thill. Also Present: Mark Seifert, Chamber of Commerce Liaison; Councilmember Thom Boncher; Mike Nevins, Michelle Bisek, Jeff Will and Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator.

Approve Minutes of the February 22, 2012 Regular Meeting: Upon motion by Elke seconded by Velishek, the minutes of the February 22, 2012 regular meeting were approved.

Update on St. Francis/Allina Medical Clinic/Pharmacy/Scott County CDA Project/Public Library: Shukle reported that the project is to be publicly bid with groundbreaking scheduled on or before May 15, 2012. It will take one year to complete the housing and library portion with the clinic/pharmacy ready to open by late fall.

Update on Proposed TH 282 Landscaping Plan: Dave Wolf reported on the results of meetings that property owners along TH 282 had with city staff regarding proposed plantings. He said that generally speaking, all property owners are now pleased with the results.

Review Strategic Plan: A brief review of the strategic plan was discussed per the discussion with the city council on March 19 at its work session. Topics for discussion for the next meeting include jobs for fees and the shovel ready program.

Also discussed was the need for an educational program on the background and history of the U.S. Hwy. 169/TH282/County Road 9 proposed interchange project.

Review of Economic Development Component of City's Comprehensive Plan: Greg Sticha presented a "Vision 2002" document produced by the City of Chanhassen in 2002 as a model that could be used to development a downtown master plan through visioning. It was suggested that this item be brought back to the next meeting.

SCALE – Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee – Legos 401: The EDA is invited to attend the April 16, 2012 Work Session of the City Council that will involve SCALE's initiative regarding planning for economic development as it relates to transportation planning. Representatives from Scott County and neighboring jurisdictions will be facilitating the work session on this topic. Members of the Planning Commission are being invited as well.

Report from Mark Seifert, Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce: Mark Seifert, Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, reported on the Chamber's activities. He mentioned that the Jordan Valley Bike Tour will not be held this year due to no one interested in chairing the project. He did indicate that the Chamber is soliciting ideas for use of the remaining fund balance of the bike tour. Those solicitations will be discussed at the general membership meeting on April 17.

Seifert also reported on a program called "Junkin in Jordan" as a possible fund raiser to replace the bike tour. Also reported on was charitable gambling, ladies night out and the Ambassador program.

Other Items: The Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Shovel Ready program was briefly discussed. Members asked that this item be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion as well as jobs for fees. Members were asked to bring their ideas to the meeting for brainstorming purposes.

Other items discussed were existing business inventory; levy dollars to be used for Jobs for Fees Program; existing library building; city's apartment building; downtown façade improvement program; Valley Plumbing's building; Bobby and Steve's Auto World property; and general business updates to be added to each agenda.

Oak Terrace Senior Living of Jordan: Oak Terrace Senior Living of Jordan will be holding an open house at their new facility on Sunday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the EDA is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 8 p.m., City Hall.

Upon motion by Jabs seconded by Sandey to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle
Executive Director/City Administrator