

Minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Board's May 2, 2023 Meeting

I. Call to Order

Present: Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Jom Kelly, Wayne Stephany and Keith Stone

Absent: Jason Curtis and Rod Zinn

Guests: Patty Ann Sanborn

Ex Officio: Lisa Wilson, April Nutt and Tabatha Snodgrass

Chuck Goad called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes

- a. Consider approving minutes of the March 7, 2023 Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion:

On the motion of Wayne Stephany, seconded by Keith Stone the Commission approved the March 7, 2023 Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting minutes.

Aye: Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Jim Kelly, Wayne Stephany, Keith Stone

Nay: None

III. Discussion

- a. SEK, Inc. Presentation

Patty Ann Sanborn gave a presentation on the Career Technical Education program provided by SEK, Inc.

- b. Extension of Service Policies

Both policies provide a bit of the puzzle of how we currently operate. Our goal is to review both in June and recommend a single policy going forward that has all of the pieces that we want it to have.

- 1. 1979 Policy

- 2. 1996 Policy (Modifications to the 1979 Policy -- This did not replace the previous policy, it only modified certain sections of it).

- c. Waterline Project Update

The City Engineer will review and update the EDAB on the waterline project.

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d. Jefferson Subdivision Update

The Housing Authority Director will update the EDAB on the Jefferson Subdivision project.

e. EV Charging Stations

Update from Chair:

My initial EV goal was to get at least one charging station in our downtown for economic development purposes. At this point, I have estimates for equipment and installation of it; however, I cannot get Evergy to recognize the grant application or provide us with infrastructure placement costs. I feel we may have lost much of our "early bird" advantage on these requests and feel the City now needs to consider a full project plan and budget for EV implementation. I feel EV charging will be a major focus in economic development in the near future and will require many charging locations. I have attached a document supporting the need for EV charging and I'm wondering if this is something that should also be shared with Commissioners.

After sitting in on the IKE webinar, I feel the Off-corridor and Community Project grants would be a good fit for the City but requires a 20% local public match, which will require budgeting for City resources.

I do not feel we would be eligible for the initial infrastructure funding as we are not directly on one of the state's major corridors (ie Highway 400).

f. Website Information

Lacey Lies will review the updated City website.

g. Kansas Historic Preservation Conference & Tax Credit Seminar

The 2023 Kansas Historic Preservation Conference will be held May 4-6, 2023 in Independence, KS.

[Registration Link](#)

IV. Adjournment

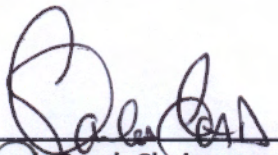
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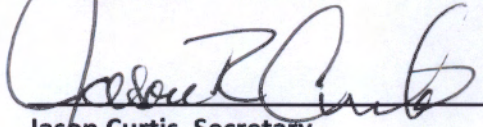
On the motion of Keith Stone, seconded by Lori Kelley the Commission adjourned.

Aye: Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Jim Kelly, Wayne Stephany, Keith Stone

Nay: None

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Chuck Goad, Chairperson

Jason Curtis, Secretary