

Minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Board's June 6, 2023 Meeting

I. Call to Order

Present: Keith Stone, Lori Kelley, Chuck Goad, Jason Curtis

Absent: Rod Zinn, Jim Kelly, Wayne Stephany

Ex Officio: Tabatha Snodgrass, April Nutt, Lisa Wilson

Chuck Goad, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

a. Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates

The board was reminded that the July 4, 2023 meeting is moved to July 11, 2023, the August 1, 2023 meeting date is moved to August 8, 2023 and the November 7, 2023 meeting is moved to November 14, 2023.

II. Minutes

a. May 5, 2023 Economic Development Advisory Board Minutes - Draft

Motion:

On the motion of Keith Stone, seconded by Jason Curtis the Commission accepted the May 2, 2023 Economic Development Advisory Board minutes.

Aye: Jason Curtis, Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Keith Stone

Nay: None

III. Action Items

a. Request for EV Charging Stations

Lori Kelly explained how much incentive there is for EV charging stations. Downtown businesses have not yet considered putting in their own EV charging stations. There is funding from Evergy for two, 2-level plugs as a rebate. Evergy will not charge the City to get the power to the charging station. The annual cost is \$2,800 for a 5-year plan. There is a plan to redo the municipal parking lot north of the 1916 City Hall which will be presented to the City Commission within the next two meeting dates and this would be the best time to include this concept into the plan, to place the EV charging station at 5th & Myrtle.

Motion:

On the motion of Lori Kelley, seconded by Jason Curtis the Commission accepted to recommend to the City Commission, support of the EV charging stations and the 5-year annual cost plan and up to \$50,000 in matching funds for installation.

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Aye: Jason Curtis, Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Keith Stone

Nay: None

IV. Discussion

a. Downtown Historic District & Building Codes

David Cowan gave an update of considerations as it relates to building codes.

Anyone working on a downtown building, a building permit is mandatory. It has to be up to the Fire code and the City has to know what is going on in each building. Even for minor refurbishments you need a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Historic Board must approve of all building and signs.

b. Extension of Services Policies

John Garris discussed the City's policy on providing service to a new subdivision in the case of annexation.

Chuck Goad said that the policy needs to be updated and that is why we are having this discussion. Members should take the information and it will be discussed at future meetings.

Lacey Lies asked if the new comprehensive plan would address this and whether we should wait to develop this policy after it is completed.

Kelly Passauer said that zoning will take care of land use and zoning issues. When the policy was changed in 1986 a company was required to build a home inside the city limits before they could build outside the city limits. However, it should be noted that the house built inside the city limits was very small so the board may want to put restrictions in the policy.

c. Common Consumption Area

Tabatha Snodgrass said the Kansas governor signed into law a bill allowing cities to have a common consumption district. It can be marked with signage and it means that you can buy a drink in a cup with the retail name on it and you could carry the drink to any place that allows it in the specified district, other than another alcohol retail store, from 4 pm-11pm weekdays and 10 am to midnight on weekends. Tabatha went in to 31 businesses to see if they would be in favor with 25 saying yes and the rest being neutral. She asked the board if they would consider supporting this as she prepares to put it in place.

The four board members present said they would support this.

V. Adjournment

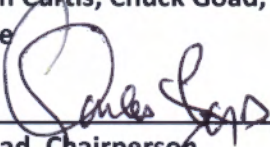
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Motion:

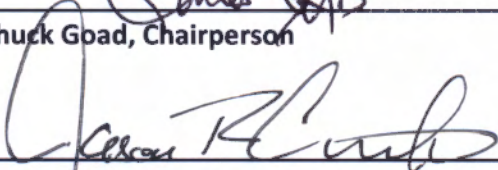
On the motion of Lori Kelley, seconded by Jason Curtis the Commission adjourned the meeting..

Aye: Jason Curtis, Chuck Goad, Lori Kelley, Keith Stone

Nay: None



Chuck Goad, Chairperson



Jason Curtis, Secretary