

MINUTES
BUSINESS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2022

Chairperson Grimm called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, with the following members present: Voting Members – Bill Aupperle, Jenna Grimm, Jim Ritthaler, Wesley Sutter, and Dane Zeller. Non-Voting Members present –Administrator Julie Smick. Absent: voting members – Todd Grimm, Cathy Kemp, Tom Osborne, and Jason Scarfe; and non-voting members Trustee Steve Leitch and EDC Director Leigh Ann Brown.

Presentations – None

Public Comment – None

Approval of the Minutes – The minutes from the January 12, 2022, meeting, were presented for approval. Motion by Sutter, seconded by Aupperle for approval. Motion approved by voice vote, all in favor.

Unfinished Business: – None

New Business:

Grant Applications

SPARK ACADEMY - Michelle Peterson discussed the Spark Academy project which is the remodeling and expansion of 1989 N. Morton Ave. This will be the site of a new learning academy. They are applying for a design & engineering grant for the planning phase of the project along with a building grant for the exterior work. The Commission discussed the need for 2 bids when the project is large and costs are projected well over \$20,000 as needed for the maximum grant allowable. Motion by Sutter, seconded by Aupperle to waive the requirement as there is no question that the costs will exceed \$20,000. Motion approved by the following voice vote:

Yes: Grimm, J.; Ritthaler, J.; Sutter, W., Zeller, D., Aupperle, B
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Grimm, T; Kemp, Osborne, Scarfe

The Commissioners then reviewed the documents submitted for their application. Motion by Sutter, seconded by Aupperle to approve the grant of \$5,000 for design & engineering and \$10,000 for the building work. Motion approved by the following voice vote:

Yes: Grimm, J.; Ritthaler, J.; Sutter, W., Zeller, D., Aupperle, B
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Grimm, T; Kemp, Osborne, Scarfe

Tazewell Columbus Club - Dave Greving presented the project of the Tazewell Columbus Club, which owns the Morton Knights of Columbus building. They are wanting to install a digital sign on the front of the building. The Commissioners reviewed the documents submitted for their application. Motion by Sutter, seconded by Zeller to approve the grant of 1/2 of the projected costs. Motion approved by the following voice vote:

Yes: Grimm, J.; Ritthaler, J.; Sutter, W., Zeller, D., Aupperle, B
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Grimm, T; Kemp, Osborne, Scarfe

Fund Balance Report – The Commissioners reviewed the report provided by Administrator Smick.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Sutter moved to adjourn at 4:55 pm, seconded by Aupperle, approved by a unanimous voice vote.