

MEETING MINUTES
Economic Development Commission Meeting
Meeting Date March 30, 2021

Chair St. Onge called the virtual meeting (via Zoom w/ an open code) to order at 6:05 PM

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Chair Charlie St. Onge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chair Dennis Melton.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Kinkade.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marc Pemberton.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Weis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FJ Schue.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Wolf.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Troy Pieper.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Also present were:

Ada Hood, City Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Pieper moved to approve the Agenda, and was seconded by Commissioner Kinkade

<u>Vote Call</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair St. Onge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chair Melton.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Kinkade.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marc Pemberton.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Weis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FJ Schue.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Wolf.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Troy Pieper.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kinkade moved to approve the Minutes with corrections to the spelling of her name, and was seconded by Commissioner Pieper

<u>Vote Call</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair St. Onge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chair Melton.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Kinkade.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marc Pemberton.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Tom Weis

FJ Schue.....

Eric Wolf.....

Troy Pieper.....

OLD BUSINESS

a. Bluebird Business Awards

The Commission discussed the Bluebird Business Awards event.

- Commissioner Wolf indicated he spoke with five businesses around his complex and that they expressed uncertainty about attending an event this year.
- Commissioner Kinkade indicated she reached out to fourteen businesses and heard back from three. The businesses expressed ‘openness’ to attending an event, but suggested an outside venue with appropriate COVID precautions.
- Commissioner Pieper indicated he called seventeen businesses and spoke to five. Two businesses indicated that they were not willing or interested in attending an event this year. Two businesses said yes tentatively, they would be interested in attending an event, while other(s) said maybe.
- Commissioner Weis spoke with three businesses who responded with two no’s (not interested in attending) and one maybe.
- Chair St. Onge indicated he reached out to eighteen businesses via email. He received two responses; one was ‘no’ and the other was ‘maybe’.

The Commission discussed the responses and determined that there was likely not enough interest in attending a business awards event this year. The Commission suggested waiting until 2022 when there was more certainty. It was suggested that the 2022 awards could emphasize a theme of ‘celebration of survival.’

Commissioner Pieper moved to cancel the 2021 Bluebird Business Awards, and was seconded by Commissioner Weis

<u>Vote Call</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair St. Onge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chair Melton.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Kinkade.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marc Pemberton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Weis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Eric Wolf.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b. Living Veteran Banners in Bluebird Parking Lot

The Commission reviewed the cost estimate and banner mock ups. Planner Hood stated that the design work and set-up fees were not included in the estimate. She believed the total final cost would be \$150+ per banner.

The Commission discussed the single banner versus the double banner design options. It was decided that the double banner option was preferred. The Commission also decided on removing the number of living veterans from the banner design and adding "our" to read, "Honoring our Army Vets living in Ellisville."

City Planner Hood reminded the Commission that the Nurse Cadet category would not be used, based on EDC responses previously provided via email. She also agreed to coordinate the requested banner revisions and draft the sponsorship program for the next EDC meeting in May. Several Commission members committed to sponsoring banners, as follows:

Chair St. Onge- Army

Commissioner Pieper- Navy

Commissioner Weis- Marines

The meeting adjourned at 7:04.