



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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January 19, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:00pm by President Atkinson and members Andy Welle, Tim Hennen, Scott Hoeschen and Tom Middendorf in attendance.

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Approval of the Agenda

T. Hennen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

December 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Welle asked that something be mentioned about the dog boarding conversation that was had at the meeting. Welle made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of the dog boarding conversation, seconded by Middendorf. Motion carried 5-0.

December Meeting Inquiries/Questions

No comments were made.

Townhome, Twin home Potential Locations

Members expressed disappointment in the document provided by Cynthia Smith-Strack. Members felt that they could have put this information together. Members asked if she even looked at the Creamery site and the old Famo Feeds location. A. Hennen stated she thought Cynthia looked at locations where not a lot of demolition would need to be done.

Members agreed that the Creamery site was at a standstill until the Creamery Board would be more cooperative in the sale. Members also agreed that having a patio home development close to downtown might not be as necessary as thought. It was agreed that even if residents live close to downtown, most still drive the bank, post office, etc. The thought was that patio home development on the edge of town could be just as desirable.

It was asked why Cynthia Smith-Strack didn't consider Island Paradise as a housing development. A. Hennen was unsure, but informed the EDA that Island Paradise has been sold and that the buyer's intention is to develop two lots and build two homes. Atkinson asked if we would be able to get an easement through the lot as another access point in case the City were to ever develop land near Neil Borgerding's farm. It was agreed that, that should be something to look into.

A. Hennen said that she is working on contacting the developer of Welle Addition 3 to see the intent of the area.

Adjourn

Hoeschen moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary