



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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July 18, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

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

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

A. Hennen stated that the computers were down at City Hall so she was unable to print any material for the meeting so it was going to be a more discussion based meeting.

A. Hennen stated that T. Hennen had been speaking with Jim Hiltner regarding a few lots he had purchased in the Welle Addition. Hiltner was questioning the idea of building a 4-plex on two of the properties that sat side-by-side. EDA agreed that they wouldn't want to see a 4-plex in the middle of single family homes. EDA did state that if there was enough room on the two lots, that a three attached patio home unit would be desirable. A. Hennen stated she would let T. Hennen know what the EDA had favored and suggested.

Roering stated he didn't want to shoot down another idea. He doesn't want the EDA to be perceived like a group who turns down ideas people are willing to try. Unfortunately the ideas the EDA has been receiving have not complied with the zoning ordinance, it's not because the EDA hasn't liked the ideas.

Middendorf stated that the best place for patio housing would still be where the old Cites house is and Donny Jobs house or even Island Paradise. An EDA member asked if Assisted Living housing is something Freeport would ever want to pursue. It was agreed a facility like that may be too large to fill in Freeport since we have those options in both Albany and Melrose.

A. Hennen stated she had heard the Creamery board had found two renters for the building. One renter was renting for storage space and the other wanted to start a used car lot. A. Hennen stated she hadn't heard this from the board, but was rumored in town.

Atkinson asked if we had any rental policy. A. Hennen stated that Freeport does not currently. Atkinson thought it would be a good idea since then Freeport could at least keep track of all of the renters in town.

Hoeschen brought up Fast Line and the Farm Center for possible nuisance properties. Everyone agreed those properties are getting out of hand and A. Hennen stated she would begin working on it.

Adjourn

Roering moved to adjourn at 1:15pm seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 4-0.

Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary