



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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February 8, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

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

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen, City Engineer Dave Blommel

Housing - Welle Addition

T. Hennen started with the discussion by saying that one of his employees mentioned that if they lived in the Welle Addition and bought a home there with being told there would be a park in their backyard, they would be really upset if all of a sudden there were houses built right behind them. Other members agreed that could really upset those residents.

T. Hennen had the idea of scraping the current plat and proposed two cul-du-sacs at the end of 2nd Ave and 4th Ave. Blommel stated that could be quite a cost savings since you are removing a lot of road that was planned. EDA was uncertain about how many lots there would be lost. Blommel explained that larger lots could be developed though and thought that was desirable in Freeport.

Members asked why we were discussing this if we didn't own the property and it was concluded we were doing our homework and brainstorming in a good faith effort for Bertram. If he did not want to take the idea and run, then the city would have to come up with a different route to achieve this.

EDA directed Dave to put together a plan and get cost estimates for a two cul-du-sacs and to see how many lots could be achieved.

Members asked if a housing study was needed if we had Melrose's study, since it might not be that different. Other members explained our area of study would be different than Melrose and our information would be different so it would still be a good idea to get a study completed.

Hemker moved to use Admark services to conduct a housing study and to be paid for by EDA funds, seconded by Welle. Motion carried 7-0.

Hemker and Atkinson asked if we could get Admark to come down in price or get the study done quicker. A. Hennen stated she would check out those options.

Adjourn

Hemker moved to adjourn, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 7-0.

Tim Hennen, EDA President

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary