



Minutes

September 7, 2022, | 8:30 a.m.

Blue Earth City Hall, Council Chambers

Officers Present: Marc Meier, Chair; Lissia Laehn, Vice Chair

Members Present: Shellie Poetter, John Huisman, Annie Nichols, Mandy Fletcher

Members Absent: Deb Anderson

Staff: Amy Schaefer, Mary Kennedy

Also in Attendance: Emily Davis, Brenda Millmann

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair Laehn called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

2. Approve Agenda

Kennedy requested addition of Introductions to agenda.

Motion by Nichols second by Huisman to approve the agenda with addition. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from August 11, 2022

b. Financials & Transactions

Motion by Fletcher second by Huisman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

5. Old Business

a. Entrepreneurial Pop-Up Project

Nichols shared that she would be establishing a quarterly newsletter for the Faribault County EDA and would like to include a written section calling for mentors for this project if the committee was in favor. The committee agreed that was a good idea. Laehn shared that two of the nine participants had reached out and appear to be participating in the Holiday Sampler at the Senior Center. She believes they are the two that had dropped from the Senior Center originally to participate in the Pop-Up. Meier noted that he felt we should secure the mentors before we move on to any other planning steps.

Kennedy suggested dedicating the next REV meeting to revisiting the mentor list and planning for the event.

The committee discussed community events that the Pop-Up could collaborate with but ultimately decided that it could be successful as a stand-alone event.

b. B.E. Welcoming

Schaefer gave an update on the planning of the Day of the Dead Festival. Fletcher suggested that BEAS would like to be a part of and support the B.E. Welcoming initiative and suggested that group members attend a school board meeting in early October to explain the Day of the Dead Festival and provide an educational update through those means.

Davis recommended updating information on the B.E. Welcoming facebook page.

c. VISTA Update

Schaefer provided an update on the VISTA's search for affordable housing. Laehn agreed to provide a reduced rental rate at one of her rental units, and Fletcher agreed to provide a hotspot and chromebook through the school, should either of those things be helpful. Schaefer will keep the committee updated on progress.

6. Other Business

a. Welcome Baskets

Baskets that need to be delivered this month:

420 S Galbraith – Mason Propst (Annie Nichols)

103 Butterfly Court – Roger & Viva Legred (Brandon Sahr)

The committee discussed a survey which could be included in the baskets with a simple QR code. Davis will update the survey and create the QR code. A second survey could be established to follow the first 6 months later. Kennedy shared that additional supplies for baskets need to be purchased.

Motion by Nichols second by Meier to approve an expense not to exceed \$1,500.00 for Welcome Basket supplies. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Website Update

Edits: Day of the Dead to appear first in scrolling banner, link to survey under B.E.

Welcoming

Facebook: Re-share podcasts

7. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Huisman, Second by Fletcher to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 am.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2022.