

City of Lodi Economic Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 6, 2018

1. Call to Order.

Chair Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Committee Members Present: Bill Welch, Peter Tonn, Suzanne Miller

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Ostrander

Others: Cliff Arthur

2. Public Input. Cliff Arthur introduced himself as a candidate for the 42nd Assembly Seat. He lives in Harmony Grove and wants to hear primary concerns in the community. A brief explanation of Levy Limits and referendum difficulties in other communities. He will attend the Common Council meeting also.

3. Approve Minutes of the January 2, 2018 Meeting.

Motion by Welch, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the 1/2/2018 meeting. Motion carried.

4. USDA Rural Development Ostrander indicated a lack of economic development related USDA grants which the City of Lodi has proper qualifications. She will broaden the economic development search in the eCivis Grants Network software for which the city pays annual membership access. Tonn noted the reason is due to our high average income and proximity to a large metropolitan city. Ostrander agreed.

5. Business Contacts Ostrander attended her first Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Coffee and Conversation meeting that is held the last Friday of every month at Downtown Coffee Grounds. It is an open dialog opportunity for community members to brainstorm ideas and discuss solutions for issues and concerns. The topic of discussion focused on not only the lack of affordable housing but the low inventory of houses in general. Tonn feels there is a need for starter homes under the \$200K price point. The Chamber also expressed interest in pursuing the Buy Local grant. Tonn commented that it is good to make connections with the Chamber and work toward common goals.

6. CDBG –RLF Nothing to report

7. Revolving Loan Fund Ostrander will bring back promotional ideas to generate interest in the program. The past mailers were sent with utility bills but this time Facebook and Chamber of Commerce should be utilized. We should spotlight successful grants.

8. Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 6, 2018 at 5:00pm.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Welch, second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

These minutes have not approved.