

EDA Socio-Economic Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2018

I. Call to order

Nate Carlson called to order the meeting of the EDA Socio-Economic Sub-Committee at 4:00 pm on August 6, 2018 at Northfield City Hall offices.

II. Roll call

Nate Carlson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Jessica Peterson-White, Rachel Leatham, Andrew Ehrmann, and Mikayla Schmidt

III. New business

a) Review of the Committee Charge

The EDA Socio-Economic Committee met to discuss the charge of the committee, the potential work of the committee, and the future meeting schedule.

Committee members discussed how the EDA might best use their resources to better the business environment for minority, women and veteran-owned businesses. Members discussed the current work being completed by City Staff regarding the GARE program. The committee established a brief work plan that emphasized partnership opportunities among existing organizations such as SMIF, the Latino Economic Development Corporation and others.

Prior to the next Socio-Economic Committee meeting, staff and committee members will work on the following actions:

- Connect with SMIF and learn more about the “Prosperity initiative”
 - Potentially invite a SMIF representative to a committee meeting
- Connect with local business leaders in the Latino community that may be willing to discuss current issues with committee members
- Connect with Human Rights Commission members to see if they would be willing to support our efforts
- Work toward hosting three focus groups to gain insight on current issues surrounding minority, women and veteran-owned business

IV. Adjournment

Nate Carlson adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm. Minutes submitted by: Nate Carlson