

EDA Socio-Economic Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2018

I. Call to order

Nate Carlson called to order the meeting of the EDA Socio-Economic Sub-Committee at 9:00 am on October 5, 2018 at Northfield City Hall offices.

II. Roll call

Nate Carlson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Rachel Leatham, Andrew Ehrmann, Mikayla Schmidt, Chad Poitra of SMIF and mar Valdecantos of the Human Rights Commission

III. New business

- a) Discussion with Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF)

The EDA Socio-Economic Committee met to discuss the “Prosperity Initiative,” a program operated by SMIF with Chad Poitra as the staff member.

Chad Poitra of the Prosperity Initiative led a discussion on the key areas of the program’s mission. Mr. Poitra described the current programming and programs in development with the help from Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) and regional partners. Committee members discussed how Northfield strives to work in partnership with organizations to encourage and support further diversity and inclusion within the community. Committee members discussed the partnership opportunity between SMIF and the EDA.

The Committee will convene at a later date to discuss next steps and formulate an action plan for 2019.

IV. Adjournment

Nate Carlson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am. Minutes submitted by: Nate Carlson