



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Economic Development Authority

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00PM REGULAR AGENDA

- Present** 5 - Enoch Blazis, Board Member Randy Yoder, Andy Beaham, Donald Stager, and Chad Beumer
- Absent** 2 - Jessica Peterson-White, and Sean Allen

Also present: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Jake Reilly, Community Development Director; Emery John, Community Development Intern; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Beaham, seconded by Board Member Beumer, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Beaham, Stager, and Beumer

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Stager, seconded by Board Member Beumer, to approve the consent agenda containing the March 24, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes and the March 2025 EDA Financials. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Beaham, Stager, and Beumer

1. [25-232](#) March 24, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes
2. [25-233](#) March 2025 EDA Financials

PRESENTATIONS

3. [25-234](#) Riverwalk Market Fair 2025 Pre-Season Presentation

Martha Kasper, Board Chair of Riverwalk Market Fair, and Derek Meyers, Market Director, delivered their 2025 Pre-Season Presentation. Kasper and Meyers responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

A motion was made by Board Member Beumer, seconded by Board Member Beaham, to approve allocating \$10,000 needed to fund the Farm to Families

program for the remainder of the 2025 season. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Beaham, Stager, and Beumer

Not Present: 2 - Peterson-White, and Allen

REGULAR AGENDA

4. [25-235](#) Update on Debt Financing for New Ice Arena.

City Administrator Ben Martig provided an Update on Debt Financing for New Ice Arena. Martig responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

5. [25-236](#) Façade Improvement Grant Awarded 2025

Community Development Intern Emery John delivered a presentation on the Façade Improvement Grants Awarded in 2025. Community Development Director Jake Reilly provided additional context. John and Reilly responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

STAFF UPDATES

6. [25-237](#) Staff Updates on Outstanding EDA Items and City-Wide projects

Community Development Director Jake Reilly provided updates from City staff. Reilly responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

President Yoder reported on property tax increases and stressed the importance of better informing the public about resources available through the EDA. Yoder also requested that EDA agenda items be submitted to him by the second Monday of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Beaham, seconded by Board Member Stager, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Beaham, Stager, and Beumer