

VALLEY CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:00 P.M.

Valley Center City Hall, 121 S. Meridian Avenue, Valley Center, KS (via **Zoom**)

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Anderson, Board Chairperson
Ron Colbert
Ashley Martin
Casey Carlson
Brian Haight
Randy Jackson
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Angie Basden, Community Development Assistant

APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2020 MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Carlson to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 meeting. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introductions for New Board Members

With the recent addition of two new board members (Brian Haight and Randy Jackson), each of the board members took a few minutes to introduce themselves. The two new board members are both excited to serve.

B. CDBG-CV Economic Development Program

Ryan shared information regarding the CDBG-CV economic development program that is being administered through the Kansas Dept. of Commerce. This program is being funded through the recently passed CARES Act. Local cities and counties can apply for funding that can then go to local businesses to assist them due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order for businesses to be eligible, the business' employees must meet certain low-to-moderate income requirements. The City has been advertising this program, but only one company has expressed interest in it. However, upon further review of their employees, the company isn't going to pursue funding due to not meeting the income requirements.

C. General Discussion

Chairperson Anderson asked Board Member Carlson for an update on how the pandemic is affecting banking. Board Member Carlson said that they are still as busy as ever in processing loans and other applications. Chairperson Anderson asked Board Member R. Jackson how the building sector was doing and Jackson said that building permits are up and they have lots of building activity right now. Board Member Haight said that there's been a lot of movement in the insurance industry as well. Chairperson Anderson said that he has a friend who is a realtor who has told him that real estate transactions are up right now. The board briefly discussed the upcoming swimming pool/recreation center RFP and design outcomes. All the board members are excited to see this move project move forward.

OLD BUSINESS-None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Board Member Carlson and seconded by Board Member R. Jackson to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 1:00 PM. Depending on factors related to the pandemic, the next meeting will be held either via Zoom or in person at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrack, Economic Development Board Secretary