

**EDGEWATER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
April 10, 2024**

A regular business meeting of the Edgewater Redevelopment Authority was virtually through the GoToMeeting App.

1. Call to Order

Chair Riddle called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

2. Roll Call

City Clerk and Clerk to the Authority Lenore Pedroza called the roll.

Present: Chair Todd Riddle, Authority Member Devin Lahtinen, and Authority Member Thea Samson

Absent: Authority Member David Fleck

Also Present: Authority Attorney, Malcolm Murray and Authority Director, Dan Maples.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Authority Member Lahtinen made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Authority Member Samson and passed unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda

Authority Member Lahtinen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes of December 13, 2023, as presented, Seconded by Authority Member Samson and passed unanimously.

6. General Business

a) Resolution 2024-01 – Posting Places

Authority Member Lahtinen made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE EDGEWATER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, as presented. Seconded by Authority Member Samson and passed unanimously.

a. Vacancy Interview

Chair Riddle thanked Nicole Lang for reapplying for the vacant ERA seat and for her contributions to the board, thus far, and is happy that she wants to continue serving the community.

Authority Member Samson did not have questions for Nichole at this time. She did enjoy reading through her application and thanked her for applying.

Authority Member Lahtinen thanked Nicole for the time she served on the board and for welcoming him onboard when he started. He had no questions for Nichole at this time but mentioned the work that he does collaborates with some of the Stantec projects in the past and thought it was interesting that they are working closely with each other on the Redevelopment Authority. There were no further questions.

Authority Member Lahtinen moved to recommend to City Council, the reappointment of Nicole Lang to the vacant seat on the Edgewater Redevelopment Authority, serving Term #4 through December 16, 2028. Seconded by Authority Member Sampson and passed unanimously.

b. Grant Request

Board Director, Dan Maples talked to the board about a one-time \$50,000 grant request for businesses along 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. to purchase uniformed patio furniture along the new Streetscape. Each business will need to complete a patio permit through the Building Department and once approved will allow outside patio space along their business front. Each business will receive approximately \$5,000 to go towards the purchase of new patio furniture. They will be responsible for maintaining the furniture in the future, the City will not maintain the patio furniture. There was a little bit of savings on the project, not having to relocate some gas lines and not having to relocate some electrical and should have about \$20,000 to put towards this grant program. Chair Riddle wanted to clarify that pavers, plants, awnings, lighting, menu boards, heating units and maintenance, are not to be included in this grant program and that it is to be used for tables, chairs, possibly umbrellas, and umbrella stands only. Board Director Maples stated that was correct, furniture only and no maintenance. Chair Riddle also asked if there are unused funds from this grant, the City will be able to use those funds to purchase things like furniture for other areas of Streetscape project. Mr. Maples agreed that the City will use those funds for like furniture in the area. Authority Member Samson likes the idea of supporting the businesses, and assuming they've lost revenue during the construction, a \$5,000 grant from the City, for furniture, is a great for the businesses. Would personally like to see some of the furniture be permanent in public spaces where people who are not spending money can sit and enjoy the area.

Authority Member Lahtinen asked if businesses are selecting their own furniture or if they will all be getting the same. Board Director Maples it is

going to take some coordination with each business on the type of furniture selected.

Nicole Lang, asked of the staff has the ability to support them in completing these grants and if the businesses are ready to act that quickly on purchasing furniture. Board Director Maples said it is a quick turnaround and they will more than likely be placing multiple furniture orders as the grant request come in.

Authority Member Lahtinen made a motion to approve the City's Grant Request to assist with the purchase of uniform patio furniture along the 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Streetscape project as presented. Seconded by Authority Member Samson and passed unanimously.

c. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Streetscape Walk Through (immediately following meeting)

7. Council Report

None

8. Director Comments

Would like to plan ahead and set a schedule for upcoming meetings. Looking at the third Wednesday of June, August, October and December.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Commissioner Comments

Authority Member Lahtinen – it is nice that they have Nicole back on board and the approval of the grant for the patio furniture is going to help beautify 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. and make it a desired destination for those outside of Edgewater. Is looking forward to future discussions on other plans for 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. in 2024.

Authority Member Samson – Super excited that Nicole will be coming back. Thanked Dan for all his updates on the 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Streetscape project.

Chair Riddle – Is equally as impressed on the 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. project, sees this as a catalyst for other locations throughout the City moving forward. Thanked Nicole, again, for reapplying, looking forward to getting together again in June.

11. Adjournment

Chair Riddle adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm