



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
4:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority will be held in the City Council Chambers in the Grand Rapids City Hall, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on Thursday, November 18, 2021 immediately following the closed meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

SETTING OF THE REGULAR AGENDA - *This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented, or to add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present .*

Approve a lease with Story Art Museum at the Central School.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the October 14, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2021 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, Korte, Blake Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$7,397.19.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Korte to approve claims in the amount of \$7,397.19. The following voted in favor thereof: Korte, Hodink, Blake, Jackson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider approving payment to Bob and Lorry Warren dba Rapids Printing in the amount of \$40,000.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Jackson to approve payment to Bob and Lorry Warren dba Rapids Printing in the amount of \$40,000. The following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Jackson, Korte, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approving an amended GREDA Land Pricing Policy

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Korte to approved an amended GREDA Land Pricing Policy. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, Hodnik, Blake, Korte. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

5. Consider approving a Central School lease with Story Art Museum.

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Korte to approve a Central School lease with Story Art Museum from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021- December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The Following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Hodnik, Korte Jackson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

6. Development of the 2022 GREDA Work Plan

- Strategic commercial sites
- Covid recovery/next steps
- Promote retail growth and development
- Industrial sites/ spec building
- Marketing and programs and success
- Identify needs for space and development opportunities
- Downtown/VFW site
- Healthcare/regional center/rural home based
- Ainsworth/Voyager Capital Site
- Support of Huber project
- Partnering with regional partners
- Redevelopment of unused ISD 318 sites
- Privatization of Central School
- Workforce attraction
- Completion of 169 Expressway/ Transportation routes
- ASV Growth/ retention
- Childcare
- MP/ Wood products/pellets

UPDATES

ADJOURN

There Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:58.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Rick Blake - 12/31/2022 (with Council term)

Tasha Connelly - 12/31/2022 (with Council term)

Cory Jackson - 3/1/23

Mike Korte - 3/1/22

John O'Leary - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27