



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 27, 2022  
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, January 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
Commissioner Cory Jackson  
Commissioner Mike Korte  
President Sholom Blake  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Rick Blake  
Commissioner Wayne Bruns

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 .*

Authorize a grant request to the Blandin Foundation in the amount of \$40,000.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the January 13th, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Hodnik, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson, Korte, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$3,024.77.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Jackson to approve the claims in the amount of \$3,024.77. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson, Korte, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider approval of a lease with Janna Salmela dba Salmela Photography for Suite 204 of Central School.

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve a lease with Janna Salmela dba Salmela Photography for Suite 204 of Central School. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Korte, Jackson, S. Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of a lease with Sam Friesen dba Wood Works Homes for Suite 203 of Central School

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve a lease with Sam Friesen dba Wood Works Homes for Suite 203 of Central School. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Korte, Jackson, S. Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

5. Consider approval of two leases with True North Salon and Spa Inc. for Suite 112 and Suite 10.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve two leases with True North Salon and Spa Inc for Suite 112 and Suite 10. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson, Korte, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

6. Consider approval of a lease with Visit Grand Rapids for Suite 201 of Central School

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner R. Blake to approve a lease with Visit Grand Rapids for Suite 201 of Central School. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Korte, Jackson, S. Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

7. Authorize a Grant Request to the Blandin Foundation in the amount of \$40,000 for the Downtown Master Plan Update.

Mr. Mattei spoke with the Blandin Foundation and they encouraged him apply for a \$40,000 grant to help fund the Downtown Master Plan Update Project.

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Korte to authorized staff to submit a grant request to the Blandin Foundation in the amount of \$40,000. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson, Korte, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

## UPDATES

ASV Expansion-Mr. Mattei has been working on a grant application to the IRRR for this project in the amount of \$350,000 and another grant application to DEED in the amount of \$450,000.

VFW Site- The development group has selected an architect and they working on elevations and floor plans. The next step is for Mr. Mattei to meet with the assessor to come up with a post development valuation.

## ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27