

THE BROOKLYN PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK  
JULY 15, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Jeff Lunde at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: President Jeff Lunde, Vice President Lisa Jacobson, Treasurer Wynfred Russell and Commissioners, Susan Pha and Tonja West-Hafner, Executive Director Kim Berggren and EDA Secretary Theresa Freund  
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mark Mata and Terry Parks.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE:

2. A Response to Prior Public Comment: None.

2. B Public Comment: None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION WEST-HAFNER, SECOND JACOBSON APPROVING THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

II. STATUTORY BUSINESS:

4. CONSENT:

4.1 Consider Approving EDA Meeting Minutes.

MOTION WEST-HAFNER, SECOND JACOBSON TO APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2019 EDA MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5.1 None.

6. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Consider Approving a Preliminary Term Sheet between the EDA and Christina's Childcare Center for the Sale of EDA Owned Land Located at 7516 Brooklyn Boulevard for the Construction of a New Childcare Center Development.

MOTION RUSSELL, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-12 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY TERM SHEET BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND CHRISTINA'S CHILDCARE CENTER FOR THE SALE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY-OWNED LAND LOCATED AT 7516 BROOKLYN BOULEVARD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHILDCARE CENTER DEVELOPMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6.2 Consider Setting the BrookLynk Budget for 2020 in Cooperation with the City of Brooklyn Center.

MOTION PHA, SECOND JACOBSON TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-13 SETTING THE BROOKLYNK BUDGET FOR 2020 IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6.3 Consider Establishing a Brooklyn Park Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing Preservation Program and Authorizing Guidelines of the Program.

MOTION LUNDE, SECOND WEST-HAFNER, TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019- 14 ESTABLISHING A BROOKLYN PARK NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING GUIDELINES OF THE PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6.4 Consider Minor Amendment to the Sewer Availability Charge and Water Access Charge Reduction Policy

MOTION JACOBSON, SECOND RUSSELL APPROVING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGE (SAC) AND WATER ACCESS CHARGE (WAC) REDUCTION POLICY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. DISCUSSION:

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1 Status Update – Kim Berggren highlighted the following:

- Nexus Community Partnership held a Worker Ownership Initiative event at Diversified Plastics today. Diversified Plastics shared their success story around conversion, which happened in 2011. Staff is continuing to work with both Nexus and others on this topic of strategies to build wealth in communities using conversion. Commissioners will continue to hear more about that work.
- The Brookdale water tower is finally being painted. This was an initiative of the EDA that dates back to 2014 when you started the work around branding and improving the image of the community. This will be one of the first opportunities to do something that the city always does, paint water towers but do it with a little bit more intention towards the image of the community.
- On June 29, we held a great Housing Repair Resources Workshop with over seventy attendees. Attendees came to hear about the new programs the EDA approved this spring that are being rolled out which offer a lot more incentives to residents to invest in their housing units and some assistance to do so. So far, we have had a lot of interest and the list is getting longer of folks that are trying to access those resources. As we know more we will continue to update you on how those programs are going.

- Staff also provided commissioners several marketing materials that have been updated. These materials were updated by our newer staff and the communications group that is supporting us. You will see the Business Connect, which is the newsletter that goes out to all businesses, the housing program brochures and some additional work we are doing to get our information out our small businesses support programs. This is work that the EDA staff does on a regular basis along with the communications team.
- The Edinburgh Clubhouse remodel is almost completed. We are finalizing some of the improvements. Brad Tullberg, over at Park and Recreation, has done most of the work to manage that project in partnership with D'Amico and will be providing a more robust summary to you within the next few months and closeout that big investment.
- The Center for Innovation and the Arts project made a nice step forward as it was included in the State's ask of the legislature in the 2020 cycle. This is a good indication that the college system is supporting the project. Staff is optimistic that we will continue to advance the project in partnership with North Hennepin Community College, Metro State and others. There recently was a convening of some state legislators recently at North Hennepin Community College to remind the legislators the importance of the project. We would like to bring that back to you the additional work that has been done for a more comprehensive update of the board of that work. We plan to do that in the next several months.
- Tomorrow is the Metro Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee meeting, which is the committee for the Blue Line Light Rail Extension project. The meeting is being hosted by Met Council and will be held here in the Council Chambers at 1:30 pm. There will be several representatives from the city, the mayor sits on that committee and others are invited to attend as guests in the audience. We will be receiving updates from Met Council on the status of the project as well as updates from the different cities about work that has been going on in our communities. I will be sharing an update about the CITA project, some business development activity that has been happening as well as some of the great policy work that the board and the city council have done in the space of transit development promotion, TOD ordinance and the mixed income housing policy ordinance.

Commissioner Tonja West-Hafner stated I did go to the Housing Repair Resource Workshop and based on what I heard and how many people were there, we are probably going to be getting requests to increase the amount of money that is in that bucket. Are we recording the Metro Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee meeting tomorrow? Kim Berggren responded that they do take minutes at the meetings and they are posted on the website. I don't recall hearing that they will be recording it unless there is media attending which does happen sometimes.

7.2 Housing Update – no verbal update was given.

IV. WORK SESSION:

8. WORK SESSION ITEMS

8.1 None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
EDA Secretary Theresa Freund