



MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, 5:00 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. ROLL CALL.

I. Members: Michael Peot - Chair, - Tara Yang - Vice-Chair, Ald. Brian Johnson, John Calewarts, Glen Sherman, Ace Champion and Christopher Garcia

Present: Glen Sherman, Christopher Garcia, John Calewarts, Tara Yang, Ace Champion, and Ald. Brian Johnson, Excused: Mike Peot

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

I. Approval of the agenda for the February 7, 2022, meeting of the Economic Development Authority.

Moved by Christopher Garcia, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion Passed.

Yes- Brian Johnson, John Calewarts, Glen Sherman, Tara Yang, Ace Champion, Christopher Garcia,
No- None, Abstain- None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the August 2, 2021, meeting of the Economic Development Authority.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Christopher Garcia to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

Yes- Brian Johnson, John Calewarts, Glen Sherman, Tara Yang, Ace Champion, Christopher Garcia,

No- None, Abstain- None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action regarding a request for a planning option by On Broadway Inc. on City-owned properties on Chestnut Avenue including parcels 4-83, 4-82, 4-81, and 4-80.

Moved by Tara Yang, seconded by Glen Sherman to open the floor. Motion Passed.

Yes- Brian Johnson, John Calewarts, Glen Sherman, Tara Yang, Ace Champion, Christopher Garcia,
No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Tara Yang, seconded by Christopher Garcia to close the floor. Motion Passed.

Yes- Brian Johnson, John Calewarts, Glen Sherman, Tara Yang, Ace Champion, Christopher Garcia,
No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Christopher Garcia, seconded by Glen Sherman to approve a one-year planning option to On Broadway, Inc. for parcels 4-83, 4-82, 4-81, and 4-80 as presented. Motion Passed.

Yes- John Calewarts, Glen Sherman, Tara Yang, Ace Champion, Christopher Garcia, No- None,
Abstain- Brian Johnson.

Brian Johnson abstained from voting on this item due to his involvement in this project.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Staff update on brownfield programs.

Matt Buchanan presented the brownfield programs update.

2. Director's Report.

Neil Stechschulte presented the Director's Report.

3. Date of next meeting: March 7, 2022

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Christopher Garcia to adjourn. Motion Passed.

Yes- Brian Johnson, John Calewarts, Glen Sherman, Tara Yang, Ace Champion, Christopher Garcia,
No- None, Abstain- None.

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Perfect, there we go, excellent. Okay, Tara, we're all yours. Do you want me to do a roll call?

- Sure, if you don't mind doing that, thank you.

- Not a problem. Peot, I think is excused, Yang?

- Here.

- Johnson?

- Here.

- There's Brian, there he is, thank you sir. Calewarts?

- Here.

- John's here, yep, thank you. Sherman?

- Here.

- Champion? Yep, he's here, gotcha, thanks Ace, gotcha. And, Garcia?

- Here.

- Chris is here too. Excellent, so we have everybody here, so we're all good. Tara, do you wanna go take it from here?

- All right, yeah, absolutely, thank you for that. Hi everyone, thanks for making the meeting today. The next item here is the approval of the agenda. And I don't know if I can do this, but I was the one who approved the agenda, but actually I wanna amend it and add in maybe introductions just because it's been five months.

- Absolutely.

- So just a quick inspection of your name and maybe your occupation or something like that. Something quick.

- We'll keep that as part of roll call Tara. That's still under roll call. We'll just do it under that one, absolutely.

- Okay, let's do that then. All right, so I guess I'll go first, my name is Tara Yang, my family and I own Main Oriental Market Downtown. We've been in business for about 16 years.

- Perfect. Alder Johnson you wanna hop in and make it official? There he is, he's getting set up, give him a second here. You're still muted, Brian.

- Okay, how's that?

- Hey, there you go, perfect.

- I was literally checking into my hotel room here in Chicago, while this is going on. So Brian Johnson, obviously alderman for Near West Side, but pending the outcome of the election, this new district would also include a lot of the East Side of Downtown as well.

- Perfect, John?

- All right, so John Calewarts, I'm an attorney at the law firm of Conway Olejniczak & Jerry.

- Excellent, thank you sir. Glen?

- Hi Glen Sherman. I'm a captain with City Green Bay Fire Department, 31 years, and I own Prohibition Spirits and Cigar Lounge, around Broadway.

- Excellent. Ace, can you safely introduce yourself, buddy? You're muted right now.

- Can you hear me now?
- Yes, sir, loud and clear.
- I had to pick up my son from college, I'm pulling in the driveway now.
- Oh, that's cool, Well, like I said, that'll be perfect timing then.
- Yeah, it's perfect timing. Well, Ace Champion, I teach cooking classes in the area. I'm also a private chef, and I host an on the TV cooking show, Cook Like A Champion on CW 14 Year Local.
- Very nice, and one of our recipients of some funds that Wendy and Matt help oversee. So he's been a good customer of some of our programs too, so.
- Oh yeah.
- Chris?
- Chris Garcia, I'm a transportation planner with the Bailey Regional Planning Commission.
- Thank you, sir. Matt? Go through city staff here.
- Hi all, I'm Matt Buchanan, I'm an economic development specialist with the city.
- Wendy?
- My name is Wendy Townsend, I'm with the city of Green Bay and community and economic development as well.
- Perfect, Lisa Bergland is the mysterious name behind there, she's the one who makes sure all our IT things and everything gets running and recording back there. So she's back in the office, thank you, Lisa. Stephanie's doing the same thing back there for us. I'm Neil Stechschulte, I'm the development director here. I get all these folks are the ones who actually really run the department. I just kinda show up and wave my hands and make it look like I'm doing something, so, but all these other folks in the city are the ones who really keep all the plates spinning. So I think that's everybody. I know we've got, looks like Garrett, is that G B, is that you Mr. Bader?
- He's in.
- All right, he's here, we'll get to him shortly. He's part of our agenda item. So, and I think that's everybody Tara, so. Whoop, Tara you're still muted.
- Okay, sorry about that. Rookie mistake, it's been two years on virtual calls and I'm still making that mistake, sorry.
- So does everybody Tara, so does everybody.
- It was great to meet everyone again. So the next agenda item would be to approve the agenda. So can I get a motion for that?
- I'll make a motion.

- Oops. Okay, I'll say a motion by Garcia.
- I think alder Johnson got the second there, I think, yep.
- Okay, yep, perfect, thank you. Okay, and then approval of minutes, the approval of minutes would be for the meeting on August 2nd from 2021.
- Point of order chair, we actually have to conduct the voice vote on that last item.
- Oh yeah sorry, all in favor, please say aye.
- [Members] Aye.
- All not in favor. Okay, thank you, thank you for that reminder.
- Perfect.
- Yes, please do correct me if I miss any steps along the way. All right, so next would be the approval of the minutes for the August 2nd meeting of 2021 there.
- Approved.
- Okay, we have it first from alder Johnson.
- I'll second.
- Second from Garcia. All in favor, please say aye.
- [Members] Aye.
- All not in favor. Okay, so the next step would be regular business. And this part, I believe that, I will leave it to you director, right?
- That's me Tara, yep. I can absolutely give a staff report on this.
- Thanks Neil.
- Yeah, absolutely, my pleasure. So the actual motion item is consideration in possible action regarding a planning option by On Broadway for city owned properties on Chestnut Avenue, including specifically parcels 4-83, 4-82, 4-81 and 4-80. And folks these are familiar, this is, if obviously you've been watching the news here within the last couple of weeks, some exciting news about the public market project, that's kind of being proposed on Broadway right now. This is essentially was the request coming before you here today. There are the lots immediately behind opposite of Broadway behind this building, the Old Fort Square building. are, there are several city owned parcels. There are several RDA owned parcels, and kind of looking at a possible redevelopment of those sites in adjacent, in addition to the public market project specifically, we're trying to just kind of get those basically under an option for On Broadway to continue their planning efforts, in regards to doing that. The RDA has already approved essentially a planning option of pretty much almost identical language, except for the parcels being different. But as these are city own parcels, we felt that that was required to kind of bring it through this particular body, this committee, before it goes on to city council for some review and questions, if there were any. Essentially, this is, the project being looked at back there certainly is all existing property is largely parking for the most part. Is largely just a paved area. Looking at, there are some utilities in the area, there's a large storm water main that is in there, in the area that we're kind of looking at in terms of the importance and how we can do that. There's some overhead utilities also in the

area that will need some coordination and planning, essentially as we kinda look at a possible building on the backside there. The General Capital was actually the developer who was actually was announced as part of the announcement from On Broadway last week. So city staff actually met with them briefly today to kind of start looking over some of their concepts for that particular area. They are very sensitive to wanting to make sure that they are not interrupting any city services or disrupting parking. They know they're gonna have to come up with some specific plans, not only on how to park their own individual project, but also coordinating with the city in terms of kind of coming up with a parking plan for hopefully the market, if and when that project actually occurs. So this essentially is, bringing forward the language for your review and discussion, to see if they're, to basically commit to allowing the city to basically guarantee that they're not going to changing the use for the duration of this agreement to allow On Broadway and potentially this new developer to actually come up with a concept plan and kind of do their due diligence on providing a new redevelopment for those particular sites. So staff is recommending approval. It's basically, essentially in an exchange for a \$5 option. It's a minimal price, because it is city-owned land and we've kind of already got ready to go, wanted just make it official. The city attorney asked if we put a nominal value on this, that there was actually a value exchange for what's going on here. That matters more to the legal folks than it does to the financial folks, obviously, to do that. But I think the most important thing to note, certainly from staff standpoint is that the use of these individual parcels will not change during this planning option. Will remain public parking and access for those users in the immediate area. I think what we're, certainly wanna make the note of, is that anything that does move forward, for there will not be any sort of transaction of property without a full formal purchase agreement for development agreement. So this is essentially just allowing the window to say, we're agreeing to allow On Broadway, the rights to kind of proceed with their planning on this particular site. So with that, we are recommending approval to the agreement as it is attached, but we're certainly available to answer any questions. I believe Alder Johnson is also here, he'll be taking off his EDA hat for tonight. I think in not voting on this one and is certainly able to answer questions about the market project, if anyone has any, so...

- Congratulations, thank you, Neil, for that. I just wanna say, congratulations, this is amazing. And I think this is something the downtown needs to be revitalized, so it's exciting. I think one question that I had is, it's not, I was just wondering what the timeline would look like for this.

- So right now, and I'll try to, Brian, you can correct me if I'm wrong. So looking at, trying to get property closed on and under control here in the next couple of months, and hopefully with some actual proceeding we'll then do the actual planning and then the full redevelopment plans for the project, probably over the next four to six months, perhaps. And then actually probably starting some construction, maybe some work, as early as end of this year, that perfect scenario, but more likely probably in 2023. Would be my imagination, would be a majority of when the work would take place. Or at least be started, I should say, would begin. And then in earnest that that in 2023. And I think if anybody would like to ask alder Johnson or Mr. Bader any specific questions, usually what we do, we would just ask for a motion to open the floor. If anyone has any specific questions for them.

- I do have one question, if you wanna, somebody wants to make a motion to open the floor.

- Okay, I'll make a motion to open the floor, motion to open the floor, second, okay. Motion by Yang, second by Sherman. The floor is, all in favor, please say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Okay, all not in favor. All right, so the floor is open for questions.

- All right, Glen Sherman here, just one question, I don't know if anybody can kind of talk to this. And I know that you had brought up parking, but you guys all seen the questions and being a Broadway business owner, I know that a lot of other business owners down there probably have, or they have had some of those questions. And can you address, or can somebody address that a little bit about what specifically the parking, what they're gonna add or what you guys are thinking to, how to alleviate that concern?

- Yeah, I'll take a first stab at that. And if Garrett wants to chime in afterwards, certainly welcome that. I think first and foremost it's important to recognize that our request today before you is for the planning option, which essentially gives us the exclusive planning rights over that lot, meaning that if approved by this body, it just means that you can't grant that same option to another company. So it gives us the ability to continue those planning efforts without, sort of having the carpet pulled out from underneath us with another company. And so the reason I bring that up is because right now we are still very much in conceptual phase. We don't have a lot of answers to those questions. And this is typically the first step in a development process. Now that said, why is On Broadway asking for the planning option instead of General Capital. Simply put, because we are probably the most sensitive to the overall district needs for parking, as opposed to of the needs for parking for just that one building. And our intent that at some point down the road, we would come back to you and ask for this planning option to be transferred over to General Capital when we're at a point that we feel our needs are being sufficiently addressed within that planning process, and those needs specifically would be to include some type of structured parking within that development. So our objective is to make sure that there's not a net loss of parking. In fact we wanna see a net gain of parking stalls back there. We have some other things that we're working on that are just not quite ready for public consumption yet that would help create some additional capacity in the parking, including a better parking management strategy. But again, right now we're still in conceptual phase and as director Stechschulte alluded to, before any agreement is finalized that would still have to come before, not only this body, but the RDA and then ultimately city council for final approval. And then of course that would be the time when we could really talk about specifics in terms of parking demands. Does that help answer your question Glen?

- Absolutely, I appreciate that, thank you.

- Sure, if I could just add to, and obviously we're looking at this individual project is not going to be certainly, be able to support the parking for the entire new market development when it happens. This one individual development spot's not gonna do that. So from the city standpoint, we're gonna actually gonna take a look at up and down the block, from that entire area to Glen in terms of looking for identify, if there's additional opportunities for some new surface parking. You know, the RDA owns a lot of lots in that immediate area. Is there certainly, probably already currently being used for parking, is there a way to make that a little bit more efficient. You know, are there opportunities for some additional, public parking based on some areas we're looking at there? So we're gonna take a real hard look at expanding beyond, not only for the individual private project that's gonna happen behind the market. We wanna make sure we've got a sufficient parking up and down that area of public parking for the busiest day on a market day, when it's 70 degrees out and everybody wants to come outside on a Saturday morning kind of thing, and kinda hang out for some big event or festival that's going on down in this area. We wanna make sure we've got a good plan and strategy to handle, certainly the day to day parking for individual businesses that are down there, but also for the big event kind of days in terms of when we see, you know, hopefully seeing more of those kinds of things happening and bringing more traffic down to the area. But we're gonna need probably a little bit more, of an overview and not just the individual site, but we wanna take a little bit of a larger, cast a little bit wider net in terms of looking at the parking up and down that area. Really for probably a couple blocks each way I would imagine so.

- Yeah, understood, you know, not just as a business owner, but as a citizen and somebody that lives here, I think this an incredible idea and I welcome it. You know, I just know that that's gonna be the biggest question and the biggest concern from anybody that is down in that area. And I hear those complaints on a regular basis that the business is, yeah, we had to park, I don't know how far away, you know, and it could be two blocks, people don't like walking for some reason, but, it'd be nice if this could be a nice combination of walking district and if we can provide that parking, I just don't wanna scare people away. Obviously, and people still

think Broadway is what it was 25 years ago, so, and they haven't taken the time to come and take a look. But I'm very about this project, I hope it doesn't hit a lot of speed bumps. I hope it goes through, so that'd be fantastic.

- Yeah, that's a great comment too. And in terms of like making sure that the walking environment is as cool and as pleasant for people as we can make it too. And I think that's a big deal in terms of just making it a fun place and a safe place through good lighting, nice amenities, benches, whatever we can do to make it a pleasant walk. So like I said, it's hard enough to get guys like guys like me. Me and my resume here, walking, to get me to go walking down and to actually enjoy walking a couple blocks, that's up to us to help make that environment something unique and special where folks are like, "Hey, absolutely, "there's two dozen cool shops between here and the market. "Absolutely, let's park and let's stop in "and check stuff out as we go up and down." So hopefully we're gonna certainly be trying to maximize that as part of this look as well, so.

- And you bring up a good point Neil. And we talk a lot about how our role as an organization is really to create a walkable district, and extend to stay, the amount of time that people spend in the district, the number of stores that they might patronize. And I appreciate the concerns about parking. I think if I were to say one thing, it would, maybe to just hopefully help people realize that we are sensitive to that topic. We're cognizant of the fact that there will be some additional demands placed on downtown parking and we're working on a solution. But simultaneously I wanna be sure that we're having the conversation about, what are we gonna do with all these extra customers. Because I think that's a really important discussion point to be had as well.

- Any other questions for alder Johnson or Mr. Bader? If not, I guess madam chair a motion to close the floor would be in order if that's the desire of the body here.

- Sounds like it's pretty quiet and I don't see any hands raised here, so, all right. I will make a motion to close the floor.

- I'll second.

- Okay, second by Garcia there. All right, all in favor, please say aye.

- Aye.

- All not in favor, please say nay. Okay, thank you for that, sharing that information. I appreciate that. So then the motion to, in regarding for a request for planning option moves forward and it's proved by the EDA here.

- Well we actually, so we just had the, I think we just had the motion just to close the floor Tara,

- Oh sorry.

- Yep, that's okay. But that's what we're hoping for though.

- I'll make a motion to approve though.

- Okay, so motion to approve by Garcia then, is that right?

- Yep.

- Second.

- Okay, second by by Glen Sherman there. All right, all in favor, please say aye.

- [Members] Aye.

- All not in favor, please say nay.
- Chair, I just need to have the record reflect that I abstained.
- Okay, yep, so alder Brian Johnson is abstained from this vote because he is participating in the project.
- Thank you very much.
- All right, so then now I can say right that the motion in regards to the press for a planning body is approved, okay by the EDA. All right, so moving forward to agenda item F. Informational, the first thing that's up is the staff update on Brownfield programs.
- All right, that is me. And let me get this up going, hopefully you can see my screen. All right, so we haven't met in a while, but staff has been quite busy these past few months. Was spending down our EPA grant dollars, I think the last time we met, I was at about maybe 41% of my budget spent, of our \$300,000 assessment grants. We're now at 87%. So we've got \$300,000 grant, 261 has been spent down. We've assessed nine sites, this is just a map of the area where we've been assessing properties throughout the city. Primarily around the shipyard project, the Barger Sheet Metal sites. Also since we've last met, we've picked up a couple new sites. One is 2540 University Avenue, which is the former JBS Packerland packaging site, as well as the former Fabry Glove site. We've done some assessments at both of those properties. Most of the work we've we've been doing these past few months though, have been additional testing at the Badger Sheet Metal site, as we've been preparing for that property to get redeveloped. You know, we wanna make sure that's as shovel ready as can be. So that's where we've been dedicating the majority of our dollars. 2540 University Avenue, this here's just an image of what the property used to look like a couple years ago when the former Packerland packaging site was on it. We've done a phase two on this, spent about \$24,000 of our grant. This was recently in the news as of a couple months ago, tune in local developer has development agreement approved on this site to pick this up and redevelop these 33 acres. They're proposing 209 market rate units. If this moves forward as planned, we would leverage 21.9 million, an increased property value. And that leverage is really important when it comes to being able to show EPA that we're putting their grant dollars to good use. And that's what helps us secure additional grants in the future, which we're going to be needing very soon. As I said, Badger, this is the site on South Broadway where we've been dedicating a good portion of our grant dollars towards this site. This one is owned by the Green Bay Redevelopment Authority. We've been doing supplemental investigations on this site to really get a handle on where the contamination is, so we can remediate. We also invested in a report for asbestos and lead based paint inside the building. We're gonna have to demolish this, and so we need to get a better understanding of where those contaminants are so we can address them. We've invested about 83,000 in this property. Impact seven is the developer that currently has a planning option, that is set to go back to RDA next month in March. So hopefully we'll be hearing from them very soon as to what's coming next. Their proposal includes 238 apartments, 9,400 square feet of retail space, a green roof. And this one could potentially leverage 52.7 million. So it's a very big project for our community and it's quite blighted property. So it'd be great to get this turned over. We also have an EPA cleanup grant. We've actually got several, three grants, one with EPA for 500,000, then two with the WEDC for \$1 million. This project is moving forward, we've invested over a million in those grant dollars towards the remediation so far. Merge Urban Development has their proposal to redevelop the north side of this site with 225 apartments, \$21 million is expected to be leveraged with that portion of the project. And we are moving forward on this one with the waterfront improvements to be started. Actually, we're going out to bid in that, on the waterfront improvements with the public amenities here in the next few weeks. This is just a site plan of the total sites. So of course, on the south side or the left side of the screen, we've got the public park that's proposed with the great lawn for events, playground on the marina container park, dog park. And then on the right side with got merges proposal with their buildings. And this is just the phasing plan. So here this next spring, we'll be moving forward with phase one, which are those waterfront improvements. Phase two would likely start the following year and phase three, a couple years after that. But the remediation component of this, is all really gonna get wrapped up here in the next next few months actually. Probably by the end of 22. So we'll spend down those

grant dollars and we'll have a clean site ready for new development. And then the last thing I'll mention for my regular update is, you know, we do have our Brownfields Revolving Loan Funds. This is a brand new program that was funded last year. We've got \$800,000 to loan out to developers, to remediate sites. We are currently marketing this program on our website and as we meet with developers, we do have a couple interested developers that we're talking to now that will be hopefully submitting an application too long, not too far down the road. So hopefully we'll be back here reporting on those projects the next time we meet. And that's it for my report, unless they're any questions.

- Looks like you're in the clear Matt.

- I had a tough sharing. Sorry about that, how do I get this back.

- Matt, for what it's worth, I think you just continue to do an amazing job with leveraging those funds. So kudos to you and your coop.

- No, thank you, I appreciate that. Now, if I can only get the-

- [Lady] I think as the gatekeeper, I can take it off-

- There we go, there we are. Oops, Tara you're still muted, sorry.

- I'm so sorry, I was just saying, thank you Matt for that updates. The next item here is the director's report, so onto you Neil.

- Yep, very briefly here. Staff is continuing to work on something this body has been involved in the past and that's the expansion of our business park and our industrial parks. We have been doing a considerable bun of works, our planning staff, especially on the I 43, I'm calling it the I 43 expansion area park, although it's not, we know that it's not, we need something catchier and sexier than that, than the name of that. We're working on that, but they basically, they have updated, they're working on updating the plan unit development zoning for that entire business park expansion area. Hopefully that will be coming forward here within the next couple of months. We're also getting, preparing for a new TIF district to kind of help fund any infrastructure improvements we might need to do there. So as those come forward, probably both of those items will probably come back through this body. So we can take a look at that and get some feedback on those as they move forward. So, but we are excited. We are seeing a considerable amount of industrial activity right now, in the city. Keller Builders, I think has actually broken ground on a speculative warehouse building. Although I don't think it's very speculative anymore. I think last I heard, I think they had 2/3 of it filled up already before. But I think they've got a little bit of space still left on as far as warehousing space. But obviously a couple things, Nature's Way is preparing for on another expansion. Which has been just a great Green Bay business story in terms of all the growth that they've experienced. So looking forward to working with them on that. Also a Georgia Pacific moving forward on a \$500 million expansion of their facilities and their operations and not asking for any assistance. I'd say that's the most amazing story in terms of obviously in this day and age, especially. So we're really excited about that, we were with them, with some site plan issues and some of the things there. But some really tremendous industrial activity. So we're kinda eager to get the next round, next phase of the business part kind of up and open. I know those land owners out there are also very excited to try to get something moving out on their end as well. So fingers crossed, we have something moving forward and I do have one very active development prospect we are working with on about 40 acres right now that we hopefully will have, we've exchanged off. They've made us a proposal, we've kinda countered with some information and hopefully we're gonna be coming back with something hopefully shortly. If that would involve a transfer of that property, we would be coming back to get to this body to kind of run that proposal through this group, if, and when that happens. The only other item that is out there, staff is taking a look at, obviously we haven't met. And since a long time, we wanna see if there's maybe some efficiencies and keep folks who are interested to the potentially seeing if it was to be feasible, to merge the RDA and EDA into one, just development authority and see if that is actually feasible. It's not as simple a task as you would think. We

wanna make sure that there are specific statutory abilities and powers and duties that come with each entity. So we need to sure that whatever we end up doing and that we're maintaining those powers and duties from each organization. And maybe there isn't gonna be any additional efficiencies that are achieved by that. We do wanna definitely at least take a look and see that. We certainly wanna keep anybody who's interested, this is not certainly an effort to get anybody off. And we wanna keep all the active folks who are in interested and engaged. We wanna make sure we're keeping those folks involved. So there is no immediate rush on this, but it is something we are taking an active look at. At some point, we'll probably have a report back and kinda share that with everybody in terms of kinda reminding, kinda almost like a one on one back again for us, say, okay, here's the EDA, here's how it was created. Here's what it's role has historically. Here's what we see it doing, going forward, do the same thing for the RDA and kind of present both of those options and just out here for discussion for both bodies. So again, probably nothing pending, but we are starting to do some work on that. Most of it is just making sure we're enhancing the ability of the bodies not diminishing them, which is certainly staff's primary concern at this point. So, but certainly we wanna keep you guys posted on that. Again, there's nothing, anything that is imminent, but we're not gonna be meeting on a regular basis for you guys, if there's a way to roll. Folks who are interested into that one and still maintain that body and do it that way and have one less formal meeting. We at least wanna at least take a look at that and pitch that to everybody for their two cents. So more to come on that, we just wanna make sure that you guys were aware of that. We're not trying to get rid of anybody. We just wanna make sure we're doing it as efficiently and using everybody's time and resources as effectively as we can. So with that, I am available for questions, if anybody has any.

- Neil, I have a quick question, not really in particular to anything that you stated today. But going back to on the Parklets that the grants that you guys were giving out, how much of that was used and how much of that funding is left over? Did you guys have to deplete that funding use at all?

- Yep, that's a great question, and I'm going to turn it over to Matt for that one, 'cause he's one of our Parklet experts, so.

- Yeah, Erin Rovinski and our team is the one administering those funds. I don't know the numbers off the top of my head, I know that we still have funds available and would love to get that out the door. We did issue, well EDA did give us approval on one grant to the ADRC. I don't believe they've implemented that yet, so I think Erin's gonna be working with them here in the next couple months to get that project wrapped up. But in short, the answer is we've got more money to spend. So if you're aware of any businesses that might be interested, please send those our way.

- And specifically we knew there were some, we did receive some inquiries last year that for some reason or not, they didn't follow through. So there on, in terms of actually coming through with a Parklet. So they're on the top of our list to reach out to, and see if we can get them interested in doing one this year. So we did track those folks who were interested but for some reason, decided not to proceed with the program. So hopefully we can get 'em to try one this year.

- Yeah. There was a lot of interest I think a lot of businesses there, as many of you are aware of business owners are very busy people. And so I think some of them are just waiting to see how the program would work and see how their neighbors would do with it. So we'll continue to provide that option and hopefully we'll see some more of those be awarded here this next season.

- Okay, great, thank you. Do we have any other questions for Matt or Neil? If not, I'd like to note that our next meeting is March 7th, 2022, unless otherwise, noted different from Jessica or any of these staff members. But if there's no other questions, then the last thing here is to adjourn the meeting. So if someone wants to make a motion for that.

- Move to adjourn.

- Okay, motion to adjourn by alderman Johnson, a second, anyone?

- Yeah, I'll second.
- Second by Garcia. All in favor please say aye.
- [Members] Aye.
- All not in favor, please say nay. All right, so thank you everyone for your time tonight. I really appreciate it, it's great to see everyone again. Hopefully the March meeting goes through so we can see each other more often here, but all right. Thank you, have a good night.
- Sounds good, Ace having your guy home man, that's awesome.
- Yeah for sure, for sure.
- All right, thanks everybody.
- Thanks bud.