

MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING APRIL 2, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 2nd day of April, 2013 at 12:15 p.m.

The following members were present: Nelson, Ehmke, Sturgis, Langan, Peterson and Wegner,

Absent: Egglar

The following staff members were present: Mike Martin, Community Development Director; Randy Lenth, City Administrator
Linda Rappe, Deputy Clerk
Nancy Zaworski, Finance Director
Randy Carlson, Gary Smith

CALL TO ORDER: Ehmke called the meeting to order at 12:15

MINUTES: Motion for approval of the meeting minutes from March 19, 2013 made by Wegner, seconded by Nelson, All Ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: There were no questions and the financials were accepted.

DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER PRESENTATION: Gary Smith from Rochester Area Economic Development Inc, (RAEDI) was in attendance to talk to the EDA and ask for a resolution of support for Rochester's Destination Medical. It was asked what changes will happen, Smith stated that a lot of the money will be used for infrastructure to handle the changes in Rochester for development and Mayo is looking at doubling it's campus size within the next 20 years. Where will the growth be? – mostly in the downtown area but some in the satellite clinics. Smith stated that 56,000 people from outside of Rochester come into Rochester to work at Mayo. Mayo is already a world class medical center and would like to make Rochester a world class community and creating an inviting world class environment. We need to focus on the total Rochester experience not just the experience people have at the Mayo Clinic. There is a forum on April 3 at UMR on the DMC. Mayo clinic is not looking for the money upfront but to be able to be reimbursed as they make the improvements.

What can the EDA do? Write letters of support to your legislators, and pass a resolution to show support.

This is an opportunity to bring in businesses who want to do business with Mayo Clinic, and businesses will give visitors to Rochester entertainment and shopping. RAEDI's goal is to have visitors go home from their visit at Mayo telling people how great it was to be in Rochester and what they did here.

The EDA would like staff to have a resolution drafted for their approval at the next meeting.

REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS: Martin informed the EDA that the City Council agreed with them on the sale of the Folkstad property. The environmental assessment has been done and there is little asbestos and lead paint in the buildings. We are not disturbing the soil to a soil analysis does not have to be done.

OTHER BUSINESS: April 10 is the pre-bid meeting for demolition of the Old Elementary School.

Elaine Geary has asked the City to become a member of RAEDI

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rappe
Deputy Clerk