

BEMIDJI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Monday, April 5, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting of the Bemidji Economic Development Authority (BEDA) of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, President Lehmann presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were declared present: Lehmann, Hellquist, Downs, Johnson, Meuers, Waldhausen, Negard

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

President Lehmann stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation for a proposed development at the southshore site.

Drew Olson, Modev, reviewed his proposed development to be located at the southshore. The plan for Lake Bemidji Lodge is to develop a five story mixed-use building that would have a 9,500 square foot commercial tenant and 3,000 square foot area for a bank. He stated that Zorbaz was committed as the commercial tenant upon approval of a 2 a.m. bar closing, however, since the Council was unwilling to change the bar closing time, Zorbaz is no longer interested. Mr. Olson stated he is trying to get other restaurants but has no one committed at this time. He stated he cannot afford to build this project based on speculation that somebody's going to be there.

Discussion continued about the 2:00 a.m. bar closing. Mayor Lehmann stated that he did not want the council to reconsider the bar closing time again. Waldhausen suggested that the Council move forward with an ordinance process which would give the public an opportunity to weigh in on the discussion.

Chattin stated that the Proposal Review Committee has been working with Olson for several months and there are other issues to consider in addition to a possible 2 a.m. bar closing time.

ADJOURN

Motion by Negard, seconded by Meuers, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
Secretary