

June 28, 2023

Seward Economic Development Program - LB 840 Application Review Board

June 28, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Seward Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. with the following members present: Patricia Johnson, Pat Coldiron, Karl Miller, Megan Kahler, John Owens, Kevin Sagehorn (arriving at 5:55 p.m.). Absent: Ann Underwood, Jeremy Tonniges. Also in attendance were: City Administrator/Program Administrator Greg Butcher, Administrative Assistant Mindy Meier (recording minutes).

1. MINUTES – June 20, 2023

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Kahler, that the minutes be approved.

Aye: Johnson, Miller, Kahler, Coldiron, Owens.

Nay: None.

Absent: Underwood, Tonniges, Sagehorn. Motion carried.

Sagehorn joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

2. CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION (DTR) GRANT APPLICATIONS – REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

City Administrator Greg Butcher introduced the project for the third phase of downtown revitalization grants. The City received applications on a first come, first serve basis. The applications were date and time stamped. Applications were sent to Kelly Gentrup (CDBG Administrator for this grant) at Southeast Nebraska Development District, for her review and comment. It was noted that the applicant is requesting fasad improvement, replacing frame and mini-split AC system. There were also interior improvement for code requirement.

1. 606 Seward Street – Meyer: A general review and discussion of the project took place. Moved by Owens, Seconded by Johnson, that the application be recommended to the City Council for approval.

Aye: Johnson, Miller, Kahler, Coldiron, Owens, Sagehorn.

Nay: None

Absent: Underwood, Tonniges. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of funding additional costs of DTR Projects up to 20% of added costs to project maximum of \$50,000 at 75/25 match.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Kahler, that funding additional costs of DTR projects up to 20% of added costs to project maximum of \$50,000 at 75/25 match be approved.

Aye: Johnson, Miller, Kahler, Coldiron, Owens, Sagehorn.

Nay: None.

Absent: Underwood, Tonniges. Motion carried.

4. Update on LB 840 2023 Election

City Administrator Butcher informed the committee of the opportunity to extend the LB 840 program. Butcher advised there are two points of interest: 1 – should we reauthorize the program, 2 – what amount. SCCDP would like to present some research. Coldiron advised it should be presented to the public as showing the total budget and the amount to set aside to help build the community. Miller also pointed out showing the recapture rate.

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7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. in a motion by Owens, seconded by Sagehorn.

Aye: Johnson, Miller, Kahler, Coldiron, Owens, Sagehorn.

Nay: None

Absent: Underwood, Tonniges. Motion carried.