

**Cook County/Grand Marais EDA
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019**

PRESENT: Howard Hedstrom, Heidi Doo-Kirk, Hal Greenwood, Carol Mork,
Scott Harrison

ABSENT: Anton Moody, Bev Green

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Campanaro, Jim Boyd, Jeff Cadwell, Mary Somnis

Hedstrom called the meeting to order. There were no Public Comments. Upon a Motion by Mork, second by Doo-Kirk and all ayes, the agenda was approved as amended and the minutes of August 13, 2019 were tabled until next month. Motion carried, all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

The board re-visited the proposal from Northspan to update the Go Team's Prosperity Agenda. At the request of the EDA and the Chamber, Northspan has updated the proposal to include a look ahead as well as document what has been accomplished in the five years since the Prosperity Agenda was created. Upon a Motion by Mork, second by Greenwood and all ayes, the updated proposal was accepted, and Somnis was directed to write the city and the county and tell them where we were four years ago and what's been accomplished. Motion carried.

The board considered Resolution 2019-03 to apply for an IRRR grant for the Community Connection Public Art Project. This project includes a gathering space where North House and the Rec Park meet, with an arbor inspired by the art of George Morrison. The Downtown Streetscapes grant request is for \$50,000. Upon a Motion by Doo-Kirk, second by Mork and all ayes, the Resolution was approved. Motion carried.

The board considered Resolution 2019-04 to apply for IRRR grant for the Art Colony Commercial Redevelopment Project. This project includes demolition of the former Dog Haus building to prepare for better insulation and a new roof. Upon a Motion by Mork, second by Doo-Kirk and all ayes, the Resolution was approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Harrison presented and the board reviewed, financials for Superior National and the EDA as of August 31, 2019. Financials will be forwarded to the auditors. Harrison presented EDA bills due to be paid. Upon a Motion by Greenwood, second by Mork and all ayes, payment of the bills was approved. Motion carried.

OLD AND ONGOING BUSINESS

Assisted Living – Jon Monacelli will meet later this week with a potential investor.

Cedar Grove – Closed on the sale of the lot to Jeremy and Johanna Larson. Our office has received comments on the conditions at Cook County Towing. Somnis presented a draft memo that was approved to send to the owner. Nesgoda has built a road up into his lot and will consider how to address the fact that the entrance is on the lot next door to the one he purchased.

Nordic Star – One of the homes sold immediately after the prices were adjusted. The final two homes are very near completion.

Four Direction Dwellings – Possible site visit soon to sign off on completion.

Village North – Thoreson has installed the new waterline.

CEC – Will send a group to do a panel presentation at the Rural Arts and Culture Summit, Oct 3-5 in Grand Rapids. Mayor Jay is also on another plenary panel.

SBDC – Meeting about transition set for October 14 with Northland Foundation.

OTHER – Following discussion, Upon a Motion by Mork, second by Greenwood and all ayes, the board approved \$500 in support of the Cook County/Grand Marais Airport Commission and their scholarship fund for youth interested in aviation. Motion carried.