

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

June 30, 2026 – 5:00 PM

Council Chambers, 42 N. Main Street

Minutes prepared by: Scott Feraro

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Scott Feraro. Roll call: Chris Williamson, Mike Adank. Others present: Mayor Ben Adank, Michele Klein. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Delivery of the bronze fountain donated by Erik Brynildson was confirmed and the fountain now sits in the old fire station awaiting installation. A process for determining a location was discussed, particularly the strong recommendation of the donor for the location to be Eagle View Park. The donation of plumbing and installation by Schaffner's Plumbing were also discussed.

Scott confirmed the delivery and installation of the dugout sunshades at the ballpark.

Ben confirmed that Public Works was entertaining quotes and determining next steps for the ongoing lawn care and irrigation of the ballfield.

The auditorium masquerade grand opening plans were discussed. Invitation and poster designs were confirmed. Next steps are to print postcards, posters, and plan for distribution.

The question of a potential city park beautification donation from the Rhubarbfest committee was discussed. No confirmation of an offer or plans were available. Next step was for Scott to again follow-up with S. Qualy to confirm amount and targeted location(s) for enhancement.

Scott asked the committee for feedback on how best to proceed with regard to the desire to more significantly increase funding for economic development and tourism. Ben commented that it was unlikely that a "volunteer" board, while well intentioned, would be unlikely to sustain the momentum required for such an effort. He recommended to the committee that they should consider a more formal organization with a dedicated role. The committee will consider an alternative of this nature and continue to discuss during our 8/4 meeting.

The first two Public Space Planning projects were discussed and confirmed as:

- Pig Island Overlook enhancement
- Wayfinding signage and information kiosk

Motion to adjourn by Chris, second Mike. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.