



**City of Newport
Newport Economic Development Authority Minutes
July 19, 2012**

1. CONVENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Mayor Geraghty called the Regular NEDA Meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

A. Roll Call

Commission Members Present – Tim Geraghty, Tom Ingemann, Bill Sumner, Tracy Rahm, Steve Gallagher

Commission Members Absent -

B. Review Agenda

C. Approval of May 17, 2012 NEDA Meeting Minutes

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Ingemann to approve the May 17, 2012 minutes. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Downtown Facade Rehabilitation Grant Program

Admin. Anderson presented on this item as outlined in the July 19, 2012 NEDA packet. Rodger Espeseth, owner of the Red Rock Lodge, applied for funds through this program in April and was asked to resubmit his application with eligible costs. Mr. Espeseth is requesting \$1,910.

Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Rahm to approve Resolution No. 2012-2 entering into a loan agreement with Rodger Espeseth for the Downtown Facade Rehabilitation Grant Program. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Martin Vietoris, Martin Joseph Real Estate, applied for funds through this program. Mr. Vietoris is applying for funds for his buildings located at 2152 and 2154 Hastings Avenue. Mr. Vietoris is requesting \$8,764.

NEDA requested that Resolution No. 2012-5, entering into a Loan Agreement with Martin Vietoris be put on hold. Additionally, NEDA requested that Admin. Anderson speak with Mr. Vietoris to request more details on the project.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Admin. Anderson provided updates on several projects including the former A & W Drive-In, former B.P. Station, 2204 Hastings, and the Knauff properties. In regards to the former A & W Drive-In, Tim Murphy owns it and is looking to demolish the building and build a new one in its place. In regards to the former B.P. Station, the City is working with Fire Chief Mailand on this item. The City is the only entity that can force the owners to take the tanks out of the ground. Staff is looking at what it needs to adopt in order to enforce this. Admin. Anderson has been talking with the owner of 2204 Hastings Avenue. The owner would like to sell it to the City for \$180,000. Finally, the City did receive the grant for the Knauff properties to conduct the Phase II Environmental study. Diversified Manufacturing would like to purchase the properties now.

4. ADJOURN

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Ingemann to adjourn the NEDA Meeting at 8:37 p.m. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Tim Geraghty, President

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Anderson
NEDA Executive Director