

Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Board
Minutes
February 5, 2024
6:30 p.m.

The Economic Development Retail Sales Tax (EDRST) Board held a virtual meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024. The meeting commenced at 5:01 pm and adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Voting Members Present:

Chair Kathleen Sorkin
Matthew Bellows
Brendan O'Brien
Cynthia Martin
Karen Bernstein
Byron Price
Brandon Bradshaw

Voting Members Absent:

Bobette Patton

Council Liaison:

Mayor Terry Crow

Staff Present:

Brooke A. Smith, Deputy City Manager/Dir. of Economic Development

Others attending:

None

Minutes

Motioned by Matt Bellows, seconded by Byron Price and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes from July 13, 2023, August 24, 2023, and November 2, 2023.

Public Comments

There were none received.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Crow thanked everyone for joining. He noted that applications had been reviewed and this step was move the process forward to the next step, explaining what that will entail.

New Business

i. FY24 EDRST Applications

Chair Sorkin noted that the applications were discussed at the last meeting, but there was no quorum for a vote to be taken. She opened the floor for questions.

Deputy City Manager Brooke Smith noted that there was an additional application for the Farmers Market for their Wednesday market, noting that it was submitted in October but it was placed on hold to wait for this process.

Deputy City Manager Smith noted there were three applicants that staff would recommend not inviting to presented. She explained why those applications should not move forward, noting that they did not meet the guidelines. Smith noted that she would reserve scoring for after presentations and that Senior Planner Mary Kennedy will be joining the meeting with the presentations and will help with scoring.

The Board members discussed the applications and asked their questions. They also discussed how the process will move forward after the presentations. February 21st was the date selected for the presentations.

Motioned by Karen Bernstein, seconded by Brandon Bradshaw and carried by voice vote to invite the following applicants to present:

Artisans in the Loop
iNeighborhoods – Bear Studios
Midwest Association of Farmers Market
Meramac Capital
Hatchet Haus
Mannequins Project
SHED
Well U Café
LSBD

Board Member Comments

Mayor Crow requested that Board members let him know if they know of anyone interested in volunteering to serve on the Board.

Next Meeting Date – February 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting was pushed back to February 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Motioned by Brendan O'Brien, seconded by Cynthia Martin and carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.