City of North St. Paul
Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

The Economic Development Authority meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. in the Sandberg Room at City Hall, as well as via Zoom, and complied with all requirements of Minnesota State Statute 13D.021

I. Call to Order

Robert Dew called the meeting to order at 3:00PM
Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Robert Dew, Chair
Kevin Fuller, Vice Chair - Absent
Don Jensen, Treasurer
Tom Schifsky- Absent
Archie Vickerman
Tim Cole, Council Representative - Absent
Terry Furlong, Mayor/Council Representative
Brian Frandle, Executive Director
Brett Garry, Business Association Representative - Absent

STAFF
Lisa Ritchie, EDA Admin. Assistant

III. Adopt Agenda

Robert Dew added to Authority Business & Action Items: Update of the Lilly Building. Motion to adopt the agenda with the proposed change made by Archie Vickerman and seconded by Don Jensen with all present voting aye. Motion carried to adopt the agenda with one proposed change.

IV. Approval of the 8/17/21 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the August 17, 2021 meeting minutes by Don Jensen, and seconded by Archie Vickerman, with all present voting aye. Motion carried to approve the 8/17/2021 meeting minutes.

V. Meeting Open to the Public

No one from the public was present.

VI. Authority Business & Action Items

A. New Subsidy Policy – Robert Dew stated that it was discussed at the last meeting it was surrounding the loan we intended to the restaurant hospitality that's part of that process in talking with outside council it was acknowledged or recognized that we are required by the city to have public subsidy policy for private parties although the loan was not subject to this policy by statue as it was less than the $150,000 threshold. Everyone thought is would be a good opportunity to freshen up and create a business subsidy policy that is essentially that the EDA we have bought into and subject to city council. It did go in front of council at the September 7th meeting and was passed. Copy of the policy should be sent to all EDA commissioners. Robert did have an opportunity to review this in advance and found it aligns with the statue. The long and short of it is, any subsidy made that is over $150,000 requires a public hearing per statue. Beyond that, most of it is just kind of follow statue requirements on how to document. It lays out criteria to make a decision on whether it is grant subsidy things that you can get in exchange whether it's jobs at a certain wage rate or whatever the opportunity for exchange is. Most of them are not mandatory its just how one might go about it which Robert thinks might be helpful for the EDA in the future as we consider subsidies, what do we look at.

What should we be considering, so we are not starting from scratch. Terry Furlong this includes TIF's as well. Robert concurred this is for all subsidy funding over $150,000. The EDA is named on that policy. The policy will get circulated to all EDA members. It does have flexibility up to the point where it can be adjusted at any time and it's not overly restrictive in terms of you must do this or that in terms of what the exchange is. It offers a suggested path in Robert works. It can be more restrictive as well if the EDA chooses for it to be. Robert stated this was about it for this topic unless there is a need to pull up the policy and review it. Archie suggest they review the policy on their own and if there are any questions. Don agreed it would be good to have a copy to review. Terry stated it was very cookie cutter. Other cities use the same type of policy. Don asked if it was a unique policy in the criteria and Terry confirmed. Per Robert, at the end of the day, quite frankly he thinks it was just kind of an administrative cleanup no one could find the old one and even if they did it was likely dated anyway because of new statues that come into play so it was time to update it so we just decided to do it parallel with this proposal and NSP hospitality. in the event that someone suggested that we can't do it without outside council.

B. Parking Lot Improvement Plan – Robert stated that if it's ok with everyone, he is going to move on to item C and then come back to item B.

C. Loan Agreement with NSP Hospitality – NSP Hospitality is the owner of B52's that is going to put the restaurant facility in there. As a group, the EDA agreed to offer $125 forgivable loan to them, taking equipment as collateral. That also went to council for approval that passed by a majority, 3-2 vote. Council member Thorsen and Council member Peterson voted no. Robert cannot speak to their logic but the long and short of it was that it passed. The nuts and bolts of that loan agreement provide once they have the equipment acquired and paid for we reimburse them. They will provide that set of equipment becomes part of a collateral document or security document to the loan and such it requires that they continue to operate that business for a period of 5 years. They will have 1/5 of the loan forgiven each year providing they do annual reporting in terms of what their business is doing and they're in compliance with all city codes and regulations, all taxes are paid, etc., etc. Don asked if the EDA was taking the whole equipment package as collateral? Robert stated that is the intent. Archie inquired about who performs the audit and tracking of that situation. Robert stated that since it is with the EDA, we do have the responsibility to he believes. The ownness is on the borrower (NSP Hospitality) to prepare it's reporting each year. He suspects they might need to be reminded that it is a requirement, but it will be up to the EDA certify their compliance annually. EDA does have rights to inspections and some other things per the loan documents so if they want to go int to make sure the equipment is still there and they are taking care of it they can certainly do that. Archie asked if their reporting period is from July 1 to July 30th or Jan thru December. Robert didn't know for sure and would need to pull it up to find the answer so asked Lisa to circulate the loan agreement to all EDA members. Don inquired if financial information needs to be submitted by the restaurant owner to get approval for the loan. Robert stated that was not required by the EDA. It was discussed at one point but knowing he is putting the money in the equipment and it will be collateralized and show that is paid for before the EDA pays him as far as loan docs, we found that sufficient. Don stated that when and if he provided that information, he would like to take a look at that as he is familiar at reviewing loan documents. Robert stated it may not be in the documents. Don stated that typically there are cash flow and other financial statements included but Robert stated that on an ongoing credit facility he would certainly agree with that but it's a forgivable loan it wasn't necessary. Don completely agrees with Robert but once you put the equipment in it's only worth .25 on the dollar. Don stated they are aware of that but the loan documents not only collateralized the kitchen equipment, it all of the fixtures like tables and chairs. There was a fair amount of discussion at the workshop about this and there was some pushback by Council member Thorsen on the concept of subsidizing any private business and was more for letting the market make it happen. Don's only issue with Thorsen's thought process is the fact that if we don't have a successful restaurant in town, we will never get one. At some point it is the chicken and the egg. Robert stated is the discussion that occurs. The argument to Robert tried to close was this is another piece of the puzzle… that in a period of 24 months we are going to have an additional 400 to 600 additional new residents in the downtown area between Anchor Block and Uptown Commons and this is what we are charged with, business retention and this is part of the puzzle. Ideally, eventually we don't have to do this to stimulate that activity. Don agrees. Robert reiterated that it did pass on a 3 to 2 vote. Robert didn't believe the EDA required council approval for this as he knows there is a question about whether the EDA has the funds and he thinks that was one of the issues was money would be withdrawn from another city fund and it would never get paid back. Robert contended the funds were in the EDA account to do this, more that sufficient funds to do this and it was verified by the finance director. Archie asked if this was precedence setting rather than following a previous model of this type of assistance? Robert stated that he wouldn't call it precedence setting it's certainly not in a broader community. He said it's all timing. In North St. Paul, beyond the TIF agreements this is probably the first time that we've done a subsidy of this sort at least in the last 10 years. Beyond some smaller business loans. Archie stated that he agrees with Don. This type of thing needs to happen in this community and the timing is now. And you get this opportunity to bring this type of restaurant in, you can't say well, I'm sorry but we have our criteria and we're not budging. Archie can see the flexibility in creating activities like this to do something like this to initiate the need and to be able to accommodate that interest and turn it into a success. Terry stated that he didn't think that a restaurant would come in without an incentive. Everyone agreed. Robert stated in St. Louis Park on Excelsior and Grand, that's what they did and in fairly short order it was maybe we will let you in and maybe we won't and we are not going to give you anything but everyone was beating down the door to get in anyways because there was 100's of residents that were patronizing the places. To Robert, on a way smaller scale, it's no different than Amazon building a new headquarters. They look all over the country for who will give them the best deal. Robert thinks it aligned well. It's somebody with North Saint Paul roots and own successful restaurants already so it should work out. Another thing Robert would say, in hind sight, to Don's point on the due diligence, did the EDA look at financials, did we do some of these other things, he thinks they could have gone a little deeper as an EDA in that regard than they did. They probably should have done a little more before they went to council. Don stated that if we want a restaurant, we have to go a little bit on faith too. Terry stated they met with Gary Mulcahy yesterday and Gary has the old MAC's diner sign, the outside, big old sign that was on top and as of yesterday, he was willing to allow it to inside the new building. Gary still needs to think about it but Brandon is really excited. Robert asked if the restaurant was going to be named MAC'S and Archie confirmed. Terry stated that he didn't think it would be the original name, MAC'S DINER as "diner" indicates a certain type of menu. Per Robert, the two follow-ups on that are: 1) circulate that loan document to the EDA and 2) he didn't think those documents have been executed yet and Terry confirmed. Per Terry we need to really find out who's got those documents and he thinks there needs to be more information on those documents that would come from the land owner. Terry did reach out to Gene Berwald with that information and as of today, he is yet to receive that information. Terry stated he knows they are waiting for that. Once the borrowers sign that, Terry and Robert will sign.

Moving onto Item B, Parking Lot Improvement Plan – Robert asked Lisa to pull up the overheads and stated that as a pre-curser to that, the knick-knack shop that the city purchased out of foreclosure was not redeemed by the mortgager but it was redeemed by somebody that a subordinate debt on it. The way the statue works, after the 6-month period there is a 7-day period for any junior creditors to redeem, which 99 times out of 100 doesn't happen because the junior creditor doesn't have enough skin in the game to make it worthwhile. But a junior creditor did redeem it. Robert doesn't know who they are but he as seen people pecking around over there so the EDA is getting their dollars back + interest (approximately $6000). Which is relevant to one of the items that Robert had to do which is coordinate with WSB to get proposals to do a study on what they are going to do with that building in conjunction with the parking lot. So all of that unfolded since the last meeting so all of that has been paused in the effort in that regard. Terry stated that we don't know who that subordinated is do we? Robert confirmed they don't. Terry stated we don't know the intentions of that person. It may be someone who thinks it is more valuable…$5K to $10K more than they paid for it. Robert concurred it could have been anything. In talking with the Ramsey County Sherriff Civil Process Unit that handle this and Robert asked him but was told that information couldn't be shared. Robert asked if this is a secondary mortgage of some sort, but was told it is not. It could have been a lien for snowplowing or lawyers more than likely, it could have been any number of things. If the city had pulled a UCC in to see what liens were on the property at the time they could've had narrowed it down. In summary, the city doesn't have the property so when we get into the parking lot options, WSB had already been engaged with the city to do some preliminary study on this parking lot. Robert referred to the power point on screen, reviewing the different layouts. Robert doesn't think it's a bad idea to create a pedestrian connection between the parking lot and 7th so he talked to WSB about this. There is a possibility and opportunities on areas that we don't own but if we talk to these land owners and maybe work something out to help make that part of the plan. Robert continued to review the presentation pointing out pass thru that could work. He suggests doing some work to figure out if we can work out something with landowners to create the passage way. Archie inquired, how much property is owned by the Shangri La? Robert pointed out their properties. Robert thinks there is a great opportunity there as it is centered in the parking lot. It would be worth while to have the discussion to see what might be done there. Don stated that if the property owners aren't going to use the space, maybe we could improve it for pedestrians. Robert stated that was the concept that he has and talked to WSB about. Archie thinks it's work pursuing to see if there is some interest in further conversations and negotiations to see what their plans are and their feelings are so we can get and idea of where we are at. Robert thinks it could also be beneficial to the landowner. Terry thinks being as the property newly being repurchased, per say, that potentially its still could be a potential spot. Once the new owner gets in there and decides what he wants to do. If he is just trying to get $5K or whatever that number is. He thinks the building is in disarray and needs a lot of work. And for that person to come in and put that much money into the building, he doesn't know if that's going to be happening. He is more inclined to think that once they get their money out of it, that they are going to turn it and step away from it vs. dive in and throw a lot more money into something that they probably know that building is in default (if you will) and we should know the answer pretty soon. It could also give us a chance to buy it back. Robert said we should go knock on the door…it can't hurt. All they can do is say no. Terry is sure there are code violations there that need to be cleaned up. Robert stated that if we had a full time EDA person that would be the person to go knock on the door but since we don't, what is the suggested path of engagement? Terry said they could figure it out. Robert summed it up as a potential of 2 engagements, 1 – confirmation of the owner of that area that is kind of midstream, he thinks it is Tracy Luther and also the engagement of the person who redeemed the knick knack shop. As there is always a possibility too that maybe they are going to razz it and do something different but maybe we can get some positive connection to the street as well. Robert asked Terry, "How do you want to leave that?" Terry stated they should try to figure out who that owner is. Robert indicated he would like to direct staff to do that. Terry stated that there is probably new electric that needs to go in. Brian agreed and stated he would find out. Robert thinks it important as part of the parking lot. Terry agreed and stated another thing is coming off of Margaret, people are naturally going want to cross in the middle of the street to get to the new restaurant rather than walking to the corner. Robert, Don and Archie agreed. Don stated they might as well put a cross walk there because otherwise you'd have to put a police officer there to monitor J-walking. Robert stated that municipalities are hesitant to do something that close to an intersection. Robert stated we should talk to WSB to consider this as part of their plan. If

we aren't able to put a crosswalk, we should put in some physical barriers that push people down to the corner such as a planter or guard rail. Terry stated that even people living in the apartment could be using the parking lot so it's important that we look at the safety issue there. Robert stated he doesn't know who Morgan is talking to on this stuff but he is clearly talking with somebody within the city. Brian indicated that would have been Scott Duddeck and Ron Ritchie, Public Works Director for those types of things. Robert said we should A - spread the word that we are trying to find a connection and B – we have some concern with pedestrians coming out of that parking lot and how it will be handled. Maybe something would work a little further back from the intersection. Don stated something on the south side of the intersection.
Don stated you could even have it angled. Robert agreed and stated there are a number of options but he thinks the reality is people are going to j-walk. Robert stated that he thinks a smart engineer will be able to come up with something. Terry stated that is the worst intersection we can have. Robert stated that was supposed to be a round-about. Terry questioned the round about and Robert said it is in the redevelopment master plan. Robert stated he thinks that's about it but the only other thing he would offer the group is in the original Capital Improvement Plan, there was a pretty nominal amount for this parking lot improvement but that got expendably increased, he thinks it is around $1,000,000 but that is still under review. Brian stated he thinks that is moving forward and confirmed that is part of the 2022 budget. Terry looked up the information and stated $1,388,000 is what is allocated. Robert inquired if all of that money was for this parking lot or if other parking lots are in there. Terry stated he is sure there are other parking lots. He thinks council knows that parking lot is priority and whatever is left over will be used for the other parking lots. Robert is of the opinion that he thinks that as an EDA again we talk about all of the pieces and create an environment downtown that is an environment people in and will bring their business to and people will want to come and visit so we need to keep our finger on the pulse and insert ourselves fully to make sure the types of concerns that we have from a EDA perspective are considered. He thinks that will happen with our joint meeting with planning and our council representatives, Lisa Wong and Scott Thorsen. We need to stay affirmatively engaged with this to make sure we…Archie inquired if the plan has an estimate of how many parking spaces will be created? Terry stated 170. Robert stated one plan shows the current number of spaces. Robert said this is another area where that if anyone wanted to listen to him, he would make arguments that he would be willing to give up some spots to make it again more pedestrian friendly. Archie agreed. Robert stated we could get a little more "green" back there to make it a bit more inviting. He stated he knows we have a couple more electric vehicle stations coming in. Brian stated bicycle racks as well. They group agreed the electric vehicle charging stations are a way of the future. Robert stated that as part of the process they may need to consider adding more than 2 stations. There was a short discussion about the number of charging stations in the surrounding area and the need for them. Robert said he thinks it speaks to he thinks a little bit about who we want to visit the city and what's that demographic look like and without offense to the generations above me, he knows his grandma is not driving a Tesla, but he has a lot of friends that are driving Tesla's or other electric vehicles. Terry stated it is really changing over. Don stated that if it is anything like leaded gas and unleaded gas when he was in high school he worked at a gas station and the leaded gas pumps were out and there was a little pump on the side of the garage that was

unleaded. During the 18 months that he worked there, all the gas pumps were unleaded and the little pump by the garage was the only leaded pump. Robert remembers a place in North St Paul that had the racing fuel, Terry stated the one on the east of the Legion still has the high octane. Terry stated he just can't comprehend us all changing to electric vehicles unless you get a charging station at your house. Don's understanding their looking at doing "like gas stations" where you plug in and within 5 minutes, you get a full charge. They are going to have stations that are doing that and the Kwik-Trips and Holiday gas stations are going to have to convert because they are going to want their convenience stores visited. Terry questioned if Kwik-Trip didn't think about high voltage? Brian stated it takes a 3-phase power. Don said he can almost guarantee they have 3-phase power as they wouldn't be able to have the refrigeration they do without it. Robert is almost certain the Kwik-Trip they just put in Lake Elmo has an electric charger. Archie stated its interesting too because there are now grids available that you can build into your concrete floor in your home garage and just park over it to charge your car. Robert stated that as this unfolds, you guys are going to hear more of this they the EDA members will as they are not here everyday and he wants us to keep our finger on this parking lot operation for a couple of reasons…to make sure the EDA has a voice here. He stated we will get some of that the purpose of this group that's meeting on the Redevelopment Master Plan, this is going to be a component of it for sure so we want to stay engaged on the report. As you know, we go away for a month and a lot could happen. He doesn't know if its appropriate for him to make a request, as an EDA, we'd like to be included in plan reviews of this or how does that work? Brian stated he could share that information with you as he sees it coming as well. Robert stated some of these things can go fast sometimes and it would be good to have the opportunity to weigh in. Don stated to have a parking lot of that size will go a long way to eliminate some of the parking issues that we have. Obviously in its current condition, there are a lot of people that prefer not to park back there but if we can make it accessible and comfortable. Robert stated there isn't any further there (on this topic). The one thing he added to the agenda was the status of the Lilly Building.

D. Status of the Lilly Building - We talked a bit about that in our prior meeting so a couple of things have unfolded. We did meet with Tony Schwarts (broker/representative for current owners) and discussed they had a pending sale that fell thru. What are the potential next steps if that happens? We kind of outlined (at least from Robert's perspective at the time) what long term is going to happen here? Are you going to keep trying to plug tenants in an inefficient marginally useful building that don't really work or are you going to pour money into it, renovate it? Is it worth more if you take it down to flat dirt and sell it as a developer property? And pay taxes just on that as taxes were part of their concern. So, we talked about a lot of options. They determined that next steps would be to get a hazardous materials survey on the building to find out what is in there. That would be the first step which would then permit the second step of finding out what are the cost to abate or demolish if that is the path they choose. We have helped them give some guidance to how to get the surveys done and by who so they did. They went and got 3 of them. Their brokers forwarded them to Robert, he owes them some comments back on his thoughts. There was some discussion about, as an EDA, can we help them and potentially participate? Like we said at the time, there is nothing on the table so we can't offer something when we don't know what the exchange is of what we are talking about so let's follow these steps and try to get this whole thing in some sort of financial bucket. So, this thing is between the hazardous materials survey they need to get done is between $5K - $7K depending who they pick. There was one that was outlandish and that's why we had get 3. At that rate, it would be Roberts intent to reply to them and say, you know, I've reviewed these…I have a background in this and these are my thoughts and what direction to go to get a survey done and a demo price. Abatement/demo price on the thing. At that point Robert expects that they'll likely come to the table want something. Robert doesn't know what that is, maybe some assistance, financial or otherwise in the cost of getting the thing to the ground. We will wait and see on that. Robert said they could talk about it if they think it's appropriate. Robert doesn't know they are going to ask for any particiapation for getting the actual hazardous material survey done, he would say at that value, they need to figure that out on their own. If they can't do that, they are certainly not going to be able to do the next step. The owners have made the decision to sell the hair salon building which is adjacent but not connected. They are selling that to the current tenant. Don stated that he didn't know that but keep in mind they are not going to discuss with Don as they know he is on the EDA and if the EDA needs to vote on anything, Don will be abstaining. Terry agreed and said ok. Robert stated as an EDA, we still have some interest in it in terms of what happens there. Robert is of the opinion that he would like to see it wholly renovated and upgraded and fit into the community as its beginning to appreciate or flatten. Don stated he could pretty much say that knowing his father-in-law and his sister, they will not be improving the building. Robert said he kind of got that message. When you start looking at the numbers of improvement costs vs taking it to the ground and getting rid of improved property taxes. They won't know that tax burden until something happens. He thinks it makes it more attractive for sale as well. He suspects that is the path they will take, right now we are just providing advice and guidance and there is now way. Don stated the building has different levels, and step downs. Terry stated each building would need to be separate and Don agreed…with a new entrance so with all of that work, it would be a tear down. Don indicated his father-in-law is 85 and his sister is 87. Don recommended to him to just get rid of it taking whatever money they can get out of it. Terry stated the city is probably in the best position to take over that burden. Don stated he can't comment on it. Robert indicated there is no ask on the table so there is not anything to discuss. Long term, if the survey comes back and the demo is $50K, there is likely to be an ask at that point. The we will have something on the table to discuss. We can then decide at that point if it makes sense if there is some exchange to be done. Robert said maybe they could float it at a moderate interest rate and get it back when they sell the parcel. Robert stated that is all he has to say on that so the next item is the Executive Director Report.

VII. Executive Director Report

Brian was told by MNSpect that the old Subway, the people that were turning that into a new restaurant pulled out. He hears they are now back there and working and almost complete. Terry stated there was a coupon in Value Pak for it. Brian asked if the EDA knows the status is. Terry said he does not. Just exactly what Brian just said. They were gone and now they are back. Terry asked if they are being inspected right now and Brian indicated he didn't know where the inspections are at. Don inquired why MNSpect would be involved and Lisa stated the city contracts with MNSpect for all of our building permits. The city does not have a building inspector on staff but we do have a code inspector on staff. Per Robert, MNSpect should be doing inspections along the way. And they are covering up the walls, an inspection would need to be done. Archie asked if MetCouncil get involved because of the SAC/WAC. Lisa confirmed the do on any building. Robert stated that should have happened at the initial building stage. Lisa was looking up the info in Open Gov. Robert asked if we just call up MNSpect and ask if there was an inspection on this? Brian confirmed. Per Lisa, they have lots of permits but no building permit. They have mechanical, the last one that was pulled was in July. The building permit would be required if they were replacing doors, windows and installing interior walls. It was Lisa's understanding they were just going to move in there and use the existing space. Archie said that would be interesting considering the size of the space they would need vs what Subway requires. Lisa had heard they thought they were getting the entire building, which there is a hair salon in there as well which isn't a part of it. Lisa doesn't know where we are at with it. Terry didn't understand their thought of thinking they were getting the entire building but you don't. Robert stated you could visually see progress on the apt building and wondered if Kwik-Trip has an opening date. Brian hasn't heard the official date. Robert asked Brian if he has heard the status of the apartments and how they are doing or any problems? Robert was referring to the Anchor View apartments. Brian stated, "We are just digging in the power now." There is a ways to go yet. Terry stated that he thinks M&I is finishing up. Brian stated there are 3 more that need to be energized yet. They are getting close to wrapping up the project.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Robert did have a conversation with the new finance director and found out the EDA has more than he thought they did. Don did see financials last month. Lisa stated she had requested them from finance and confirmed the statement from last month would still be current unless the EDA spent any money. Don doesn't believe there was any money spent since then. Robert had heard at the council meeting "how does the EDA have any money when they just bought the BP Station?" Robert doesn't recall the EDA purchasing that and Don confirmed "We did not". Robert still thinks it's warranted to have a discussion with the finance director. Robert doesn't even know where the check came from to buy the property out of foreclosure because that was an EDA function so he would think that would come out of EDA, if it did, we want to make sure it goes back into the same fund. Robert stated the EDA will be please with the amount the finance director showed him. Don inquired about what $49,000 piece of land do we own. Robert stated he thinks we own one of those houses down there. This information surprised the EDA and Robert confirmed, that this is what they need to figure out and make sure they understand who has what. The other thing Robert would add is that he believes, unless something changed, the EDA should get their full levy, 9% increase. Terry stated it is being discussed. They are pushing for the maximum levy but he thinks there will be push back. Robert is expecting nothing less and they should expect to take over $200,000. He understands they are crunching numbers and there could be a change. Terry stated there should be a recommendation from the EDA. Per Robert, the recommendation is to maximize the levy. Don agreed and added, how else will we do what our goal is?

IX. Chair Report – Robert stated he has already said everything he has to say.

X. Mayor Report – Terry stated we had a cancellation of the car show. Its an impact on the vendors that were down there and businesses that rely on the car show but something that needed to be done. They had information of a potential carry over **from**

Maplewood into the car show so we cancelled it, which was very hard to do but there was potential threat and it is still out there for some sort of disruption. Robert inquired about it, Terry said it was from the car chase 2 weeks ago that started in White Bear, went thru North Saint Paul and went into Maplewood. The vehicle crashed someone's yard and 2 kids passed away, 4 survived. The vehicle was not in pursuit when it crashed. One of the mother's is saying the police department should not be chasing vehicles. With that said, we all have our own opinions but that is what happened. There was a visual on Friday night in Maplewood with a couple hundred people and that potentially could have come into the car show and we don't have the resources to handle a mass protest. There is a potential it is going to happen this coming Friday which affects us economically with the new restaurant coming in and a new city manager and sees the bad publicity. Robert inquired about how many police officers we have and Terry indicated we have 19 full-time and a couple of CSO's. Robert was surprised by the number of officers that were there. Brian indicated that a lot of them were retired.

XI. Reports from EDA Members – Archie asked about the old BP site, who cuts the grass.

XII. Report from Staff - No

XIII. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Economic Development Authority meeting is October 12, 2021