

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a meeting of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) in and for the City of Albany, Stearns County, Minnesota, was called to order by President Tom Kasner at 6:30 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, in the Council Room at 400 Railroad Avenue for the said City.

Other EDA Board members present for the meeting were: Paul Wellenstein, Adam Rushmeyer, John R. Harlander, and Todd Horton. None were absent.

President Tom Kasner called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2016, and hearing none declared them approved.

Matt and Kendra Imdieke, 351 Railroad Avenue, were present for the meeting.

Mr. Imdieke appeared before the Board to discuss his application for a grant/loan for commercial storefront improvements that included the following:

- No window replacement is proposed for the second floor windows facing mainstreet, but there may be some trim work done to correct deficiencies.
- The awning and cedar wood storefront will be removed.
- The existing storefront windows will be replaced with larger window openings and two new entry doors. No transom windows, but still a larger window opening.
- A can light to be installed above entry door and new carpet to be added on steps. The area above and below storefront windows will be painted.
- No information on proposed wall sign was submitted.
- Cost of improvements is \$16,057.50
- EDA share 50% or \$8,028.75

Mr. Schneider informed the Board that the application is complete and had no objection to the proposed improvements. Ms. Imdieke noted that the final paint scheme has not yet been determined, but has reviewed a few concept drawings which will enhance the storefront appearance. Ms. Imdieke also noted that the contractor will begin demolition next week. After due discussion, a motion was made by John Harlander and seconded by Paul Wellenstein to recommend to the Council to approve the aforesaid application for the proposed storefront improvements at 351 Railroad Avenue with an EDA contribution to be \$8,028.75. All voted for the motion and it carried.

Steven Danzl, 381 Railroad Avenue, was present for the meeting.

Mr. Danzl appeared before the Board to discuss his application for a grant/loan for commercial storefront improvements that included the following:

- The existing storefront facing mainstreet and window opening on west side of building or 4th Street will be removed and replaced with new transom window openings similar to picture of the building in 1904. The window height facing mainstreet will about the steel I-beam as shown in an old photograph.
- The storefront improvements will be parallel to the sidewalk to increase interior usable square footage other than the entry door. Existing location of entry door will not change.
- Four windows facing mainstreet and five windows facing west or 4th Street on the 2nd floor will be replaced with larger windows that include the arch filling the entire window opening.
- HVAC will be upgraded and first floor renovated to allow for a specialty coffee shop/soup/sandwiches/candies, etc.
- The seating capacity is estimated to be twenty (20).

- The existing projection sign and post will be removed and replaced with a new projecting sign (double faced) to resemble the historical significance of the building. No dimensions were submitted for the new projecting sign, but it will meet the sign regulations when erected.
- No lighting is proposed for the front of the building.
- Cost of Improvements is \$23,764.33+
- EDA maximum share is \$10,000.

Mr. Schneider informed the Board that the application is complete and had no objection to the proposed improvements. Mr. Danzl informed the Board the purpose of his project is to construct exterior building improvements to resemble the look of the building 1904. Mr. Danzl also explained the proposed café operations and what services he will provide the public and hopes to be open for business sometime by mid-summer. Mr. Rushmeyer thanked Mr. Danzl for considering the building improvements and appreciates his idea by bringing a new business to mainstreet. After due discussion, a motion was made by Todd Horton and seconded by Adam Rushmeyer to recommend to the Council to approve the aforesaid application for the proposed storefront improvements at 381 Railroad Avenue with an EDA contribution to be \$10,000.00. All voted for the motion and it carried.

President Tom Kasner adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Tom Schneider
Clerk/Adm.