

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 – 8150 BARBARA AVENUE**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Inver Grove Heights met on Monday, January 14, 2013, in the City Hall Lower Level Training Room. President Tourville called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were President Tourville, Economic Development Authority Members Madden and Piekarski Krech; and Economic Development Authority Members Elect Mueller and Bartholomew; City Attorney Kuntz, City Administrator Lynch, and Executive Director Link.

**3A. JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE DAKOTA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CDA)**

Mr. Link stated that the Inver Grove Heights Economic Development Authority was to consider approving a joint powers agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) regarding a contract with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) for the 'Open to Business' program. Mr. Link stated that this issue had been discussed by the EDA at earlier meetings and that the Joint Powers Agreement and attached Contract for Services was essentially the same as had been previously discussed. Mr. Link noted that ten Dakota County municipalities have indicated an interest in participating in the program through the CDA. This would allow the MCCD to assign one full-time staff to Dakota County. That staff person would be housed in the CDA offices in Eagan and would have established office hours at each participating City Hall at least once a month. The CDA would pay half the cost of the contract while the remaining costs would be paid by the participating cities; Inver Grove Heights share of the Joint Powers Agreement would be \$6,250. Mr. Link stated that the Joint Powers Agreement and associated contract has several benefits to the EDA including the use of MCCD funds instead of the EDA's funds, the addition of technical assistance, the involvement of the CDA, and the assurance that MCCD staff would be readily available.

In response to a question from Dian Piekarski, Mr. Lynch stated that the MCCD program differs from the earlier EDA proposal since it includes both existing and new businesses.

In response to another citizen's comment, Mr. Link stated that the MCCD funding comes from a number of sources, including a Federal grant, State grant, City of Minneapolis grant, Wells Fargo Community Development Corporation, and US Bank Corps Community Development Corporation.

Boardmember Madden stated that the MCCD program also offers the benefit of eliminating the EDA's risk since the loans would be with the MCCD rather than the EDA.

President Tourville expressed support for the Joint Powers Agreement because of its several benefits to Inver Grove Heights.

In response to a question from Boardmember Mueller, Mr. Link stated that the fees for 2014 and subsequent years are not known since the current contract is only through 2013.

In response to a question from Boardmember Bartholomew, Mr. Link stated that the program would be advertised through the City's newsletter and website and that the Chamber of Commerce would also assist in marketing.

Mr. Lynch explained that Boardmembers Bartholomew and Mueller would be unable to vote on the Joint Powers Agreement until later in the evening after they had been sworn in as City Councilmembers

**Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Madden, to recess the EDA meeting until after the regular City Council meeting.**

**Ayes: 3**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

The EDA meeting was recessed at 5:47 pm.

The EDA meeting was reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

**Motion by Madden, second by Mueller, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) regarding a Contract with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) for the 'Open to Business' Program. .**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0      Motion passed.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Madden, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:00 p.m.