

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
HERMANTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM Central

Council Chambers, City Hall – Hermantown Governmental Services Building

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Present
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Dwayne Haapanen:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Present
Councilor Ellie Jones:	Present
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Present
Karen Pionk:	Present

CITY STAFF: Joe Wicklund, Communications & Community Engagement Director; Eric Johnson; Community Development Director; Steve Overom, Attorney

VISITORS:

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **MINUTES**

A. Approve October 26, 2023 HEDA Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc and seconded by Councilor Ellie Jones, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Dwayne Haapanen:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. **MOTIONS**

A. Set meeting dates for 2024

Motion to approve as presented. This motion, made by Councilor Ellie Jones and seconded by Councilor Andy Hjelle, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Dwayne Haapanen:	Absent

Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. **RESOLUTIONS**

5. **WORK SESSION (Project Updates)**

5.1 – Addition to the Hermantown Marketplace

Joe Wicklund, Eric Johnson, and Steve Overom discussed the history, design possibilities, and potential steps for a possible development in the Stebner Park Area. Discussion included the necessary staff bandwidth to see this project to fruition should the private partners move forward, as well as any additional needed resources.

5.2 – Broad overview of projects

Eric Johnson led an update on the AUAR process on the Hwy 53 Business Park – including that the private owners have created a name and marketing materials

6. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 5:56 p.m. This motion, made by Karen Pionk and seconded by Councilor Ellie Jones, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Dwayne Haapanen:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Recorded by:

Joe Wicklund, Communications Director