

**CITY OF HERMANTOWN**  
**HERMANTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

Council Chambers, City Hall – Hermantown Governmental Services Building

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Present  
Councilor John Geissler: Present - Zoom  
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, John Mulder, City Administrator, Steve Overom, HEDA Attorney

**VISITORS:** 1

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **MINUTES**

A. Approve March 28, 2024 HEDA Minutes

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

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea  
Councilor John Geissler: Present (zoom only)  
Dwayne Haapanen: Absent  
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea  
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea  
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea  
Karen Pionk: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. **MOTIONS**

4. **RESOLUTIONS**

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

**5.1 – Update on additions to the Hermantown Marketplace**

John Mulder explained that city staff had presented the concept the dome project at Stebner Park to the Planning and Zoning Commission in February. After that they were approached with an alternative dome facility proposal. It would be larger dome which would include hard surface courts in addition to a turf field. The proposal may also include outside turf fields, a food truck court, and potentially an acrylic sheet of ice. However, the proposal would need to partner with Youth Soccer, the pro forma did not include land acquisition costs, to the payment of taxes. Ownership and potential city contributions still needed to be talked about.

The Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions at their April meeting regarding the current dome proposal:

- Rezoning of Stebner Park from P, Public to HM, Hermantown Marketplace – parks are permitted in HM
- Preliminary and Final Plat identifying parcels and public right of way
- Commercial Industrial Development Permit application and review/action by Planning Commission
- Special Use Permit – allow for height of 75 feet

Given how far along and how much work has been done with the current dome project, staff recommended and the HEDA Board concurred that we should continue with the existing project.

## 6. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 5:46 p.m. This motion, made by Hjelle and seconded by Jones, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Present (zoom only)
Dwayne Haapanen:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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John Mulder, City Administrator