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ECA Board Meeting
April 11, 2022 @ 6-7pm
Hybrid - ECA Office & Zoom
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Minutes

1) Welcome & Call to Order (President, 2 min.)

- a) Meeting started at 6:01 pm

2) Approval of the [Agenda](#) & [Minutes](#) (2 min.)

- a) Motion by Pamela. Seconded by Gavin.
 - i) Motion carried unanimously. Agenda and Minutes approved.

3) Guest Speaker (5-10 min.)

- a) Dave Bulkowski - Kent County Commissioner
 - i) three critical peices for eastown to be engaged with
 - (1) affordable housing
 - (a) "Housing Kent" \$128 million fund, some of which will go towards affordable housing
 - (b) asked for the community to send messages directly to him requesting work to be done on affordable housing - there is an opportunity to make this a larger priority
 - (c) Mike asked about building requirements within the county, specifically for smaller homes and "tiny houses" on plots of land
 - (i) zoning authority is with the local municipality
 - (ii) new developments happening in Gaines Township with a variety of housing types (apartments, small homes w/built alleys, "typical" suburban homes, etc.)
 - (2) Transportation
 - (a) almost no place in Kent County where someone can live affordably at a moderate income (housing + transportation)
 - (i) new flexible public transportation options to help with this
 - (3) Solid Waste
 - (a) Sustainable Business Park
 - (i) the vast majority of garbage is either burned or buried. The SBP would sort and recycle more waste
 - 1. organics & plastics
 - (ii) will result in increased costs
 - (iii) goal is 90% diversion, but SBP could bring us to 50%

4) Hiring Update (President, 5 min)

- a) we are currently not looking for a replacement E.D., but are researching other ideas for how to take care of the administrative and community engagement needs of the ECA
- b) possibly looking for an intern, admin role, etc.

5) Event Planner Update (President, 5 min)

- a) we are moving forward with hiring an event planner, looking for leads on this

6) Wealthy & Robinson Community Event Update (President, 2 min)

- a) the city was invited to attend ECA Board Meetings but declined
- b) they city's meeting will happen during normal business hours - date to be provided

7) Financial Report (Treasurer, 2 min.)

- According to the March [Financial Statement](#), there is a net revenue of \$8,594.91 (compared to \$3,062.34 in February and \$3,024.08 at this same time last year) as of March 31, 2022. There is a cash balance in the bank accounts totalling \$61,026.83 (compared to \$61,668.84 in March) as of April 7, 2021.

Financial Highlights as of Apr. 7, 2022:

	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2020 Budget
Gross Revenue	\$8,594.91	\$98,200.00	\$99,382.05	\$109,306.00	\$82,982.93	\$113,611.62
Gross Expenses	\$4,482.56	\$111,526.67	\$87,412.05	\$131,074.27	\$99,072.23	\$127,715.00
Total Net Revenue	\$4,112.35	(\$13,326.67)	\$11,970.00	(\$21,768.27)	(\$16,089.30)	(\$14,103.38)

Account Balances as of April 7, 2022:

Checking:	\$9,280.23
Savings:	\$52,341.51
PayPal:	\$1,925.50

Building (New):	\$5,773.35
TOTAL:	\$69,860.59

8) Operating Updates (President, 10 min.)

- a) The roof of the ECA building needs to be replaced this year at an approximate cost of \$10,000. We will not be able to wait for next years Capital Campaign

9) Committee Updates (2 min. ea.)

- Executive Committee (Rion)
 - all updates previously given
- Bricks & Mortar (Christian/Liz)
 - n/a

- Communications (Rion/Steven)
 - committee meetings have been tentatively scheduled for tuesdays @ 5:30pm
- Events (Pamela/Hannah)
 - committee meeting on Thursday, April 14 at 6pm
 - a handful of interested community members
 - Sigsbee Park Cleanup & Picnic on April 23
 - Sorting through BizBaz & StreetFair applications
 - Don Lee has offered to help with planning of these events
 - Looking for a date deadline for approving James Hughes quote for band booking
 - We have signed a contract & paid a deposit with “Lydia Writes Good” for t-shirt design & will be printing through Transfigure
- Garden (Mike/Gavin)
 - not much response from the community at this time
 - first meeting is Tuesday, April 19
 - There is still a need for tools and supplies
- Uptown (Dakota)
 - n/a
- EBA (Steven)
 - EBA meeting has been pushed back to April 20

10) Other Business/Action Items (2 min.)

- a) No other action items

11) Adjournment

- a) Adjournment at 6:55 pm

Next Meeting Date: May 9 @ 6pm

In attendance: (7 required for quorum - Those checked were present)

- Dakota Riehl-Davis, President
- Rion Hollenbeck, Vice President
- Liz Girgen, Treasurer
- Steven Martinez, Secretary
- Mike Bopp
- Gavin Cornwell
- Pamela Goderski
- Christian Verley
- Staci Rickman
- Hannah Snyder