



**HRA & EDA Joint Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 5:30 pm
Wells Community Center**

The Wells HRA and EDA held a joint special meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the Wells Community Center.

EDA President Brad Heggen and HRA President Ann Marie Schuster called the meeting to order with the following members present:

EDA-Whitney Harig, Jim Heckman, Sue Nasinec and Kim Sorenson.

HRA- David Braun, Bill Groskreutz, Zoa Heckman and Thomas Schindler. Also present was Deputy City Clerk Megan Boeck.

AGENDA

The agenda for the September 8, 2015 joint special meeting was reviewed and approved by those present.

JOINT WORKSHOP WITH WELLS EDA – HRA & EDA PROJECT DISCUSSION

President Heggen stated that the EDA would like to find out what both Boards feel are project priorities in order to promote progression in the city of Wells.

Groskreutz stated that the HRA is currently working on demolition and redevelopment of blighted and tax forfeiture properties and that he favors building where there is existing infrastructure.

Nasinec stated that the South Industrial Park needs extensive marketing and that there is a lack of rental properties in Wells.

Harig stated she feels that finding funding for the North Industrial Park and adding housing stock are current priorities.

Schuster added that she feels it's a good idea that the Boards determine a vision for Wells but that as President of the HRA, her focus is on development and redevelopment of housing.

J. Heckman stated that he is concerned with the percentage of debt service in the city's overall budget and that property taxes in Wells continue to climb.

Z. Heckman stated that small things of both housing and commercial development are needed but most important is having dedicated staff to lead the EDA, HRA and P&Z.

ADJOURNMENT

EDA President Brad Heggen and HRA Present Ann Marie Schuster adjourned the joint special meeting at 7:45 pm.

Secretary/Treasurer David Braun

Megan Boeck, Deputy City Clerk

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