

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
CITY OF WILLMAR, MINNESOTA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013**

MINUTES

The Community Development Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Thursday, August 15, 2013, in Conference Room No.1 at the City Office Building. Chair Fagerlie called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

Present:

Rick Fagerlie	Chair
Denis Anderson	Council Member
Tim Johnson	Council Member
Jim Dokken	Council Member
Bruce Peterson	Director of Planning and Development Services

Others present: Frank Yanish-Mayor, Audrey Nelsen-Council Member, Steve Renquist-EDC Director

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no public comments.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER FOR REMOVAL - 944 OLAF AVENUE NORTHWEST (MOTION)

Staff presented a request that the Council order the removal of a structure at 944 Olaf Avenue NW (see attachment). This is a property that has deteriorated over the years and past attempts to have the property repaired or removed have been met without success. The Committee reviewed correspondence and photographs. It was acknowledged that the structure was in terrible condition and did constitute a threat to health and safety. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Dokken, and passed for the following:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council declare as hazardous and order the removal of the home at 944 Olaf Avenue NW.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Steve Renquist, EDC Director, updated the Committee on the development of a County-wide business loss protocol (see attachment). A significant amount of time was then spent reviewing the five-year work plan that has been adopted by the EDC Board (see attachment). Activities of the EDC and success in meeting some of the work plan goals were discussed in detail.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

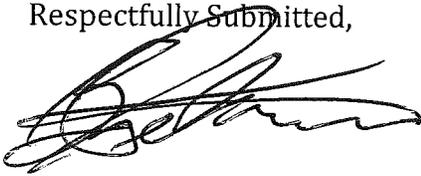
There was no old business.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Fagerlie inquired about graffiti on a downtown building. Staff replied that the matter was being addressed. Chair Fagerlie also asked staff to look into weed problems that exist in the East Highway 12 right-of-way and the BNSF properties.

6. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Peterson", written over the typed name.

Bruce Peterson, AICP
Director of Planning and Development Services