

REDCO

Rainier Economic Development Council Board Meeting

September 23, 2004

Call To Order – 5:35PM

Board Members - Mike Avent, Greg Larson, Tim Navarro, Terry Grice, Sloan Nelson, David Qualman
Staff
Absent Katie MacCaul

Visitors:

Chad Olsen, Rob Sullivan

Minutes September 16, 2004 REDCO Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of September 16, 2004 will be approved at the next scheduled REDCO board meeting.

Treasurers' Report

Approval of Payables & Project Disbursements

Disbursements of \$598.00 will be approved at the next REDCO board meeting.

Unfinished Business

The motion was made to accept the resignation of and remove Lori Piercy by resolution No. 46 from the position as Secretary to REDCO, the motion was seconded to accept the resignation of and to remove Piercy as signer on all banking and signature requirements as REDCO secretary and with no discussion the motion passes.

Tim Navarro made a motion to appoint David Qualman by resolution No. 46 as the new Secretary to REDCO, the motion was seconded to allow Qualman to sign on all banking and signature requirements in the position as REDCO secretary, no discussion and the motion passes.

Small Business Grant Guidelines

Rob Sullivan, attorney for REDCO, stated that if one reads the small business guidelines in a vacuum as he did and take the words at their face, the operative word in the guidelines where the whole controversy seems to center around, is the word "*Commercial*". If one looks at the plain Webster Dictionary definition of "*Commercial*" it is defined "*engaged or serving a trade or business*". Then look at trade or business which *is a coming or going* whether that be a restaurant, a retail establishment, transit lodging or any sort of commerce like that would satisfy the requirements of a qualifying project. Not only does there need to be a qualifying project there also needs to be a qualifying owner, in the sense that the owner has to be in it for business which means some sort of profit motive.

Sullivan commented he thought the one applicant is a business, which is in the business of renting "real property". What Sullivan thinks though, is that unfortunately it is *NOT* a qualifying project because the property is used for "residential" purposes. Sullivan commented the guidelines provide *that it is for commercial uses only*. There seems to be some confusion generated by the following pages of the guidelines where it talks about *incidental residential use*. The primary use of the money is to help commercial enterprises and that those commercial enterprises have *incidental use* because 100 years ago people lived above their businesses, there is a residential use in those buildings above the business, and those businesses are the ones that are trying to be restore with the façade program.

Other

Grocery Store expenditure balance of \$29.41 will be returned to Petty Cash in the general fund.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Larry Gates an extension on the completion of his project to 12-31-04, no discussion, motion passes.

Public Improvements

Chairman/Board Comments

Visitor Comments

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Mike Avent, Chairman

Date

Greg Larson, Vice Chairman

Date