

CITIZENS ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Noon

Council Chambers

Grand Island City Hall

1. Call to Order Mike Schuster
2. Roll Call RaNae Edwards
3. Approval of December 3, 2020 Minutes Mike Schuster
4. Grand Island Area Economic Development Update Dave Taylor
5. Adjournment Mike Schuster

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITIZENS ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

December 3, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) of Grand Island, Nebraska was in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 100 East 1st Street on December 3, 2020. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on November 25, 2020.

Vice-Chairman David Koubek called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Mike Kneale, Matthew Armstrong, David Koubek, and Tom O'Neill (by phone). Mike Schuster and Jason Morledge were absent. City Officials present were City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Administrator Jerry Janulewicz and Finance Director Pat Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Motion by Mike Kneale, second by Matthew Armstrong to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

GRAND ISLAND AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GIAEDC) ANNUAL REPORT. Executive Director Dave Taylor gave the Annual GIAEDC Report and the 2021 funding request. Mr. Taylor introduced the Board of Trustees and thanked them for their service on the board. Presented was an update on the LB840 process and eligible business activities.

Current LB840 Balance as of November 20, 2020 was \$1,302,313. The following LB840 projects were active:

- Hendrix Genetics – 43 new jobs - \$0
- Amur Equipment Finance – 15 new jobs – \$56,000
- Zabuni Specialty Coffee Auction – 10 new jobs - \$51,666
- GIX Logistics – 12 new jobs – \$193,334
- Dramco Tool Company – 7 new jobs - \$95,714
- City Admin Fee - \$67,500

Ending LB840 balance was \$838,099.

Currently \$5,994,100 had been invested in LB840 funds. There were 1, 065 jobs created with annual wages of \$33,565,896 at an average wage from 2015-2019 of \$18.81 per hour.

Mr. Taylor stated there were 15 active business recruitment projects in the pipeline. Mentioned was the Platte Valley Industrial Park – East with six available lots with interest of two companies coming to this area.

Mentioned was Platte Valley Industrial Park – West and the drainage improvement district along Gold Core Drive. This project was joint with Hall County, Natural Resource District and the City of Grand Island. The plan was to start construction on this project next year.

Mr. Taylor stated Grand Island had been recertified with the Nebraska Economic Development Certified Community.

Mentioned was the impacts due to COVID-19 with regards to businesses and the community. He stated CARES funding had a positive impact on businesses. They were focusing on getting people to move to Grand Island. They were also working on CDBG grants. Housing and rural workforce housing funds were mentioned. GIAEDC would apply on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

Reviewed was the EDC Operating Budget for 2021. Community Marketing - \$177,880; Office - \$7,820; Occupancy - \$28,600; and Administration - \$135,700.

Discussion was held regarding land along South Locust outside of City limits. Mr. Taylor stated growth was more towards Highway 281 instead of along South Locust.

Approval of the Annual Review:

Motion by Mike Kneale, second by Matthew Armstrong to approve the EDC Annual Report and forward to the City Council on December 22, 2020. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approval of GI Area Economic Development Corp. Funding Application. Motion by Tom O'Neill, second by Mike Kneale to approve the LB-840 Funding Application and forward to the City Council on December 22, 2020. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2021 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:33 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk



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Eligible Business Activities:

1. The manufacturer of articles of commerce
2. The conduct of research and development
3. The processing, storage, transport, or sale of goods or commodities which are sold or traded in interstate commerce
4. The sale of services in interstate commerce
5. Headquarter facilities relating to eligible activities as listed in this section
6. Telecommunication activities
7. End destination tourism-related activities



LB840 Projects

Active:

- ▶ Hendrix Genetics
 - ▶ 43 new jobs
- ▶ GIX Logistics
 - ▶ 12 new jobs
- ▶ Zabuni Specialty Coffee Auction
 - ▶ 10 new jobs
- ▶ Amur Equipment Finance
 - ▶ 15 new jobs
- ▶ Dramco Tool Company
 - ▶ 7 new jobs



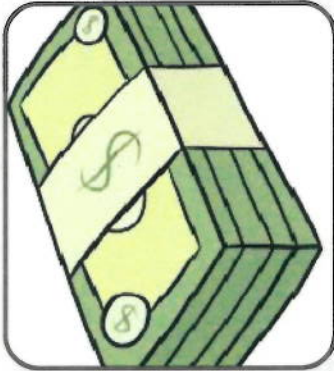


LB840 Balance as of 2/23/2020	\$1,302,313
Transfer of LB840 fund	\$750,000
Hendrix Genetics	(\$0)
Amur Equipment Finance	(\$56,000)
Zabuni Specialty Coffee	(\$51,666)
GIX Logistics	(\$193,334)
Dramco Tool	(\$95,714)
City Admin Fee	(\$67,500)
EDC Operating Funds	(\$350,000)
Ending LB840 Balance	\$1,239,379



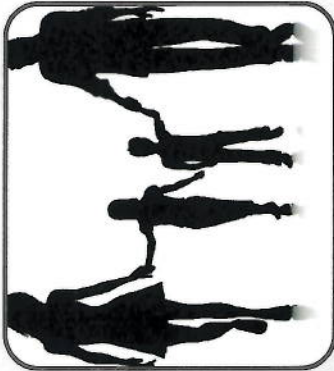
2015-2019
Average Wage:

\$19.07



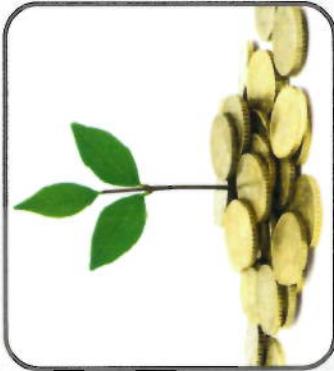
Annual Wages
Created:

\$33,836,296



Jobs Created:

1048



LB840 Funds
Invested:

\$5,994,100

2021 Project Pipeline

Business Recruitment Projects:

- ▶ 7-Sigma
- ▶ EX
- ▶ BEAR
- ▶ Beethoven
- ▶ Patriot
- ▶ Encore
- ▶ Scale
- ▶ BNPET
- ▶ AMC
- ▶ Ice Age



Platte Valley- East



Housing in Grand Island

Housing:

- ▶ LB1021
- ▶ LB866
- ▶ LB424
- ▶ Marnie Barnhart in Grand Island
April 16, 2021

Rural Workforce Housing Fund

- ▶ GIAEDC has applied on behalf of the City of Grand Island
- ▶ Revolving Loan Fund, specifically to increase and improve housing stock
- ▶ 1:1 Cash Match



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▶ <https://youtu.be/vynnUxYxs-g>



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For your dedication to Grand Island.

