

EXCERPT FROM:
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

The City of Ramsey Economic Development Authority (EDA) conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Jim Steffen
 Member John LeTourneau
 Member Chris Riley (arrived at 7:38 a.m.)
 Member Wayne Skaff
 Member Kristine Williams

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Patrick Brama, Management Analyst
 Kurt Ulrich, City Administrator
 Tim Gladhill, Development Services Manager
 Consultant Mike Mulrooney

4.05: FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Receive Report from Planning Commission in Regard to Permitted Uses at the 167th Avenue Retail Node and Discuss Framework for Future Discussions

Development Services Manager Gladhill presented the Planning Commission report regarding the 167th Avenue retail node and stated the Planning Commission was supportive of the indoor shooting range but was not supportive of the proposed warehousing use. He noted the Planning Commission was concerned with outdoor storage with the warehousing use. He stated the indoor shooting range is motivated to move into the space and would like to get in before their lease expires in September. He advised that staff will continue to work with the applicant to modify their proposal.

Member Riley indicated the EDA's vision for this area remains a desire to have a viable retail area. He stated he would like to have the recycling use in the City but located in a different area. He felt the City needed to have a master plan for this area and stated he did not have any concerns with the indoor shooting range.

Member Williams stated the Planning Commission summary mirrored her thoughts on this issue and she supports a retail use for this site. She indicated she was concerned about the warehouse use and would have a hard time supporting it as a retail use. She stated that the City cannot force the market to locate on this site and the EDA should consider what it can do to incent the right types of users on the site, adding that a master plan will not make this a desired location or draw users to the location in and of itself. She added that Total Defense has been talked about for a long

time and is a successful business that wants to relocate to Ramsey and the EDA should support that type of relocation within the community.

Development Services Manager Gladhill suggested that before any master planning efforts are started, the City could look at the surrounding land uses to see if intensification of land use could support some further planning efforts.

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