

**Harrington Public Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**September 15, 2015**

The Harrington Public Development Authority meeting was called to order by Vice President Allen Barth (in the absence of President Josh Steward) at 7:00PM on September 15, 2015 at the City Hall. Those present were: Allen Barth, Bunny Haugan, Jay Kane, Paul Charlton, Margie Hall EDC, Marge Womach, Amy & Blaine Foley, Tim Tipton and Mark Stedman.

**NOA NET UPDATE**

Affordable fiber to small communities was discussed. Currently the Noa Net located in the City Hall has been turned on and is available to the library. The PDA discussed applying for a grant offered and funded by Lincoln County that could help finance a system that could provide wireless high speed internet to the Central Business District. It was felt this would stimulate the economic development of Harrington. Completing and submitting an application for funding assistance for this project would be a good step forward and would also look good on future PDA resumes by showing some positive activity. A motion by Jay Kane and second by Paul Charlton authorized applying for the grant that would qualify as an eligible project as a telecommunications infrastructure. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON LANDMARK APARTMENTS**

Questions regarding the status of the Landmark Apartment building were directed to Mark Stedman who has been the contact person for information between the PDA and the former owners represented by Niels Peterson. Mark gave an overview of the history of the apartments. These have been closed for several years, a USDA loan was forgiven and the Housing Coalition no longer is a viable corporation. The corporate status of the Housing Coalition has lapsed and would need to be reinstated before the corporation could gift the building to an organization with a 501-C3 status. Mark Stedman shared that the Community Church had sent a letter to Niels and Steve Timm stating the church and their elders, Mark and Tony Hamilton agreed to pay the taxes and utility bill owing against the property as well as all legal fees to transfer ownership a 501-C3 with no strings attached. This would enable them to once again open these apartments if it was gifted to the church. The PDA will contact Niels Peterson and express our interest in these apartments for the PDA.

**AMY FOLEY**

Amy Foley was present to let the PDA know she was moving her business from the current location next to the Harrington Foods to the Hotel Lincoln. They will be renovating the space prior to their opening. She was interested in the purpose and workings of the PDA. Margie Hall with the County EDC responded to her questions. She stated the PDA is an arm of the City government and members are appointed by the City to work with the public in areas that the city can't partner with. The PDA is not a revenue source.

**UPDATE ON FORMER TAVERN**

Dempsey's reported they are moving ahead again on renovating the former Harrington Haus. They think they have a clear title now and plan to open this winter.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is October 20, 2015.