

**Kindred City Council Special Meeting**  
Friday, March 1, 2019 @ 12:30pm  
Spitfire Bar & Grill, 1660 13th Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078

Members Present: DuBord, Spelhaug, and Stoddard. Absent: Amerman and Peraza  
Others present: PWS Schock, Auditor Arnaud, P&Z Member Erickson, Developer Mark Ottis, Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation Present Joe Raso, Downtown Moorhead President Derrick LaPoint, and Moore Engineering staff: Brandon Oye, Erik Gilbertson, Steve Iverson, Rich Slagle, Nick Gludt.

Discussion began at 12:30pm on a variety of topics:

1. Creation of an economic development committee and a renaissance board. Generally, renaissance zones provide five or more years of property tax exemption. FM offers a five-year income tax exemption as well. References can be found through the City of Fargo, our attorney, and the Mainstreet Initiative.
2. The need for infrastructure to be extended to undeveloped areas, “landlocked” issues, development to the west.
3. Review the ideas of natural gas, internet connectivity, and helping existing businesses/property owners before bringing in new.
4. Encourage the City to identify the community assets. Invite business owners and city members to brainstorm. School system, parks, events, housing, closeness to FM, etc.
5. Downtown should be pleasant, inviting, and create a good experience. Livability, walkability, and uniqueness can create experience that encourage people to visit.
6. Continue moving past the small-town mentality. Attend GFMEDC meetings for more info or to reach out for help.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23pm

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Tabitha Arnaud, City Auditor

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Jason DuBord, Mayor

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