

Minutes from
Economic Development Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2007

Call Meeting to Order:

Commissioners Chuck Bursiel, Sonja Simmons, Rodger Parker, Gary Weeks, and Jenelle Flocke were present. Cheryl Hebert and Temple Wynne were (excused) absent. City Administrator Don Ferguson was also present. Chairman Bursiel called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m..

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 14, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved with one change. Commissioner Parker moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Weeks seconded.

Public Comments:

None

Consent Items:

None

Presentations:

City Administrator Ferguson distributed the revised Commission Membership List. One revision was required for Commissioner Parker's information.

Commissioner Simmons briefed the Commission regarding her attendance at the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) meeting. She stated that TAB is moving forward with the Transportation Master Plan, which includes demographics and thoroughfares. Bert Ray has contributed one year's work to developing the plan. This plan will be presented at the April 25th TAB meeting at 9:00 a.m.; then it will go to the Planning and Zoning Committee (P&Z) for review; then it will be reviewed by TAB and P&Z together, and will then be presented to City Council

Commissioner Flocke briefed the Commission regarding the Water/Wastewater Advisory Board (WWAB) meeting she attended. GBRA is schedule to present the Water/Wastewater Advisory Board a briefing on the wastewater plant status at the next meeting scheduled for April 24th at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall. Councilmember Busk stated that currently there were not enough LUEs to move forward with the plan. GBRA said they were going to Wimberley Water Supply Corp. to get water usage statistics. The City Staff is investigating alternative funding for sewage hookup fees. GBRA asked for funding to conduct a feasibility study. When the study is complete, the WWAB should review the results before it goes to City Council. The WWAB members discussed the possibility of a rainwater collection system policy being developed in future. They added that they will need to help with the Blue Hole Development Plan. Regarding the public

restrooms at the Cypress Creek Trail Park, the WWAB discussed two waste collection systems: (1) the aerobic engineered system; and (2) the compost system. They are going to suggest that the City use the compost system because of the close proximity to Cypress Creek. The restrooms should be ready for public use by the end of July. When the restrooms are full, an alarm system will lock the door from the outside so that there is no overflow. The WWAB also discussed the feasibility of the City getting water from different sources (surface water vs. well water).

Chairman Bursiel gave the briefing for Commissioner Hebert in her absence. He stated that the Comprehensive Review Board members want to conduct another survey for economic development. This topic will be further discussed at the May 8 EDC meeting. Texas State University conducted the last survey and it cost around \$5,000. EDC Commissioners suggested that we (and other committees) have input into the survey to ensure that our areas of concern/interest are covered.

Work Session:

Chairman Bursiel asked each Commissioner if they had developed his/her own vision statement. He then read text from the CEDS guidelines for Economic Development. Discussion ensued between Commissioner Parker and Commissioner Weeks regarding vision vs. strategy. After much discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Parker would develop a one- or two-sentence mission statement, and we would divide up the workload regarding various aspects of the economic development plan guidelines.

Future Agenda Items:

Consider and Act: Adopt a work program for the EDC.

Workshop: Discuss conducting an analysis based on the work program and the VOW needs.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Parker moved to adjourn and Commissioner Simmons seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenelle Flocke
Secretary