

**City of Rowlett**  
**Economic Development Advisory Board**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

9:00 A.M.

*Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center, 4885 N. President George Bush Turnpike, Garland, Texas 75040*

***Meeting Minutes***

**1. CONDUCT A TOUR OF THE NEW GILBREATH-REED CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER.**

The Economic Development Advisory Board and Rowlett Chamber of Commerce Board toured the new Gilbreath-Reed Center and heard about all of the programs being offered.

**2. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Barry Young called the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board meeting to order at 11:24 A.M. on November 14, 2017 at the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center, 4885 N. President George Bush Turnpike, Garland, Texas. In attendance: Tammy Dana-Bashian, Barry Young, Justin Blackburn, Whitney Laning, Michael Gallops, Lawrence Glick, Martha Brown, Blake Margolis, Pamela Bell, Brownie Sherrill, Joey Grisham, Katie Rose Hargreaves and Susan Nix.

**3. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 17, 2017 MEETING.**

A motion was made by Whitney Laning and seconded by Tammy Dana-Bashian to approve the October 17, 2017 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. RECEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE.**

Joey Grisham Assistant Director of Economic Development, gave a brief update of the Green Ribbon project. He stated that TxDOT had begun Phase 1 of the SH 66 landscape beautification project. The City of Rowlett staff worked along side TxDOT and la terra studios to finalize the plans. The project will begin on the west side of SH 66 and move east and will include low maintenance landscaping, irrigation, and entry features at Dexham/SH 66 and Heritage Pkwy./SH 66. TxDOT has 256 days to complete the project.

Mr. Grisham also stated that the Village of Rowlett Project was still progressing and that some restaurant concepts had expressed interest. He also discussed his recent trip to the Texas International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Show in Dallas that included visits with real estate brokers and retail/restaurant concepts.

**5. RECEIVE CHAMBER/CHAMBER FOUNDATION UPDATE.**

Whitney Laning provided the Chamber update. He said that the Chamber Golf Tournament and Taste and Trade events were both very successful. He also stated that the Chamber was moving forward with several new changes including new tiers of membership levels and that they would receive a report from their consultant by the end of the year.

Michael Gallops provided the Chamber Foundation update to the Board. The Chamber Foundation has \$51,000.00 available to date. They received one sign grant application that was approved for Main Street Events. Rebuild Rowlett has a balance of \$181.00.

**6. RECEIVE GISD UPDATE.**

Lawrence Glick provided the GISD update. He provided some details about the new Gilbreath-Reed Center. It is 120,000 square feet and can be expanded by 30,000 square feet in the future. He also expects the population of the center to increase significantly next year.

**7. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND/OR STAFF MAY MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF LOCAL CIVIC EVENTS. NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION MAY DISCUSS NOR TAKE ANY ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Main Street Fest/Tree Lighting will be December 2 at Pecan Grove Park at 4 P.M.

The Holiday Parade is on Friday, December 8 at 7 P.M.

The Sunset Santa 5k & Festival is Saturday, December 9 starting at 3 P.M.

**8. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY REQUEST TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS. NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION MAY DISCUSS ANY OF THE REQUESTED SUBJECTS UNTIL SUCH MATTER HAS BEEN PROPERLY PLACED ON A POSTED AGENDA.**

Joey Grisham stated that the December EDAB Meeting fell on December 19 and asked if everyone would be available if a meeting were held. Tammy Dana Bashian recommended that we keep it on the calendar in case we needed to meet.

**9. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barry Young at 11:43 A.M.



Barry Young, Chairman

1-16-18

Date Approved



Jim Grabenhorst, Assigned City Staff