

City of Rowlett
Economic Development Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy, 2301 S. John King Blvd., Rockwall, Texas 75087

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Drew Howard called the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. on March 19, 2019 at the Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy, 2301 S. John King Blvd., Rockwall, Texas. In attendance: Tammy Dana-Bashian, Drew Howard, Chris Kizziar, Michael Gallops, Whitney Laning, Barry Young, Larry Glick, Mick Donnelly, Michael Smith, Brian Funderburk, Jim Grabenhorst, Lexie Woodward and Susan Nix.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 MEETING.

A motion was made by Barry Young and seconded by Whitney Laning to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. RECEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE.

Director of Economic Development, Jim Grabenhorst presented the Economic Development Department update. He indicated that a significant portion of the department's effort will be on the Bayside agreement and ensuring that the timelines are adhered to. He stated there was good feedback from the public meeting that was held on Monday, March 18th. He also discussed some of the details and what will be the main focus for the City with regards to the settlement agreement and various agreements and amendments. There was discussion regarding the Bayside TIRZ district, timelines, easements, and phases of road construction. Lastly, he stated the expectations are to bring the Economic Development Strategic Plan back at the April meeting, for final EDAB discussion and recommendation to present to Council.

4. RECEIVE CHAMBER/CHAMBER FOUNDATION UPDATE.

Chris Kizziar gave the Chamber update. He announced that today they started the process to allow them to apply for an accreditation in 2021. He mentioned that he met with the Dallas Regional Chamber to provide them with clarity and hopefully allow more participation from them.

Whitney Laning gave the Chamber Foundation update. He stated the Chamber Foundation provided one sign grant and have two others pending. He mentioned they are renaming the sign grants to community improvement grants.

5. RECEIVE GISD UPDATE.

Larry Glick provided the GISD update. He discussed the status of school finance legislation being considered at the State level and possible impacts for the district. He mentioned this is the first year GISD hired their own lobbyist to keep the district informed.

6. 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.

Chris Kizziar stated the next Chamber Awards Banquet will be May 3rd, and the Grand Opening of the VROC facility will be on Friday, March 22nd from 4pm to 7pm at 4210 Industrial. It was also mentioned that the Chamber Texas Hold'em Tournament was on April 6th. The upcoming City election is on May 4th, and the Chamber will be hosting a Council Candidate Forum held on April 8th, and a Mayoral Forum held on April 15th at First Baptist Church.

7. 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.

Members requested more information on the TXDOT IH-30 enhancements being discussed at Dalrock/Bayside Dr., Jim Grabenhorst stated that he will bring the preliminary IH-30 TXDOT enhancement plans for that intersection to the next meeting as requested.

8. CONDUCT A TOUR OF THE DR. GENE BURTON COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY.

The Economic Development Advisory Board toured the Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy. Executive Director Alison Belliveau lead the tour and provided information about all of the career programs being offered for the students.

9. LUNCH.

Lunch was provided at Crave Café by the Culinary Arts students of the Career Academy.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Drew Howard at approximately 1:00 P.M.



Drew Howard, Chairman

4/16/19

Date Approved



Jim Grabenhorst, Assigned City Staff