

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

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

9:30 A.M.

*Economic Development Office, 5702 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX 75089*

***Meeting Minutes***

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Drew Howard called the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board meeting to order at 9:33 A.M. on July 16, 2019 at the Economic Development Office, 5702 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, Texas. In attendance: Tammy Dana-Bashian, Drew Howard, Whitney Laning, Barry Young, Elaine Ritchie, Mick Donnelly, Michael Smith, Larry Glick, Brian Funderburk, Jim Grabenhorst, Lexie Woodward and Susan Nix.

**2. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2019 MEETING.**

A motion was made by Tammy Dana-Bashian and seconded by Whitney Laning to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. DISCUSSION ON UPCOMING JOINT CITY COUNCIL/EDAB WORK SESSION PRESENTATION (AUGUST 6, 2019)**

Director of Economic Development, Jim Grabenhorst reviewed the Power Point presentation that will be presented at the Joint Work Session with City Council. There was discussion regarding the composition and purpose of this Board. Board members discussed with staff their suggestions for changes and additions to be made to the presentation.

**4. RECEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE.**

Director of Economic Development, Jim Grabenhorst presented the Economic Development Department update. He stated that the closing date for the Bayside project has been extended by three weeks. This additional time is necessary to allow the TIRZ Board to work out the details of splitting the North and South property. He gave some

updates on Bayside North, and more specifically about Western Rim improvements. He gave a brief overview regarding North Shore and discussed some of the promotional strategies the consultant has been working on. Lastly, he mentioned Lexie has been working with Jason Claunch to update a Downtown Pitchbook for marketing purposes. The updated Downtown Pitchbook was passed around during the meeting and will be available as a link on the Economic Development website. He also mentioned some of the projects going on in the Village of Rowlett Downtown.

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

There was no Chamber or Chamber Foundation update.

**6. RECEIVE GISD UPDATE.**

Larry Glick provided the GISD update. He gave a brief overview of the District's School Grading process. He stated that according to the preliminary numbers received for this year the district has improved. He mentioned Carmen Blakey will be the new Principal of Rowlett High School beginning this coming school year. He stated school will start on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, there was some discussion regarding the school district budget.

**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.**

Statue dedication and recognition of two Veterans (tonight) Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at Veterans Park; North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors (NTCAR) annual event on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 P.M. at Gilley's in Dallas.

**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.**

Tammy Dana-Bashian requested to discuss the mission and make up of this Board.

There was a request for an update on the outer roadways of the IH-30 TXDOT enhancement.

**9. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Drew Howard at approximately 10:40 A.M.



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Drew Howard, Chairman

9/17/19

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Date Approved



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Jim Grabenhorst, Assigned City Staff