

City of Rowlett

Economic Development Advisory Board

Thursday, July 8, 2010

8:45 A.M.

City Hall Conference Room, 4000 Main Street Rowlett, TX 75088

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Robin Tomberlin called to order the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board at 8:45 A.M. on April 8, 2010 at the City Hall Conference Room, 4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas. In attendance: John Spor, Larry Glick, Drew Howard, Mark Garcia, Robin Tomberlin, Lisa Ferrell, Doug Phillips, Ben White, Dr. James Fowler and Diane Lemmons.

II. Welcome and Introduction. Item 2 on Agenda

Robin Tomberlin welcomed Doug Phillips to the board. Mr. Phillips is appointed by Mayor Harper to take his place on the board.

III. Consider approval of minutes from April 8, 2010 meeting. Item 3. on Agenda

John Spor motioned to approve the April 8, 2010 minutes as written. Drew Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Elect Vice Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Board. Item 4 on Agenda

Robin Tomberlin nominated Doug Phillips for the Vice Chair position. The nomination was seconded by Drew Howard. Doug Phillips will serve as the Vice Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Board.

V. GISD Update. Item 5 on Agenda

Mr. Larry Glick gave the update for the GISD. Mr. Glick passed out the TAKS Test review results report to the board. The report compared GISD to the State of Texas. GISD is doing above the state average. There was a general discussion regarding the report. This report can be found on the Economic Development website in the schools section. The championship basketball tournament will be held at the Garland Special Events Center for the next three years.

VI. City Update. Item 6 on Agenda

Mr. Ben White gave the update. Rowlett has new council members seated. Ms. Donna Davis and Mr. Michael Gallops are the new council members. A "new council" retreat will take place in the Annex Conference room. The new council members will take a windshield tour of the City. Departments have turned in budgets to the City Manager and we will have the first round of meetings next week. The City of Dallas is considering de-parking Robertson Park. There was general discussion regarding Elgin B. Robertson Park.

VII. Chamber Update. Item 7 on Agenda

Ms. Lisa Ferrell gave the Chamber update. New Chamber Board members seated in May. Larry Glick is a Chamber Board member. Mr. Glick, Dr. James Fowler and Mark Garcia are focusing on goals to become a true asset to the community. DART, TxDOT and NTTA will be a panel for the next Chamber Luncheon. Business Bites have been expanded to once a month. Leadership XX is working

on a great program. SCORE has been very successful. They are having 2-3 meetings every Friday. The first draft for the bylaws for the Economic Development Foundation has been completed.

VIII. Director's Update. Item 8 on Agenda

Ben White gave the update. A director's report was included in the advisory board packet prior to the meeting. We are working on projects and hope to have some announcements coming soon on S H 66 and PGBT. There was a general discussion regarding director's report.

IX. Discussion regarding Allies Day. Item 9 on Agenda

A committee of Todd Gottel, Lisa Ferrell, Larry Glick, and Mark Garcia was setup for Allies Day planning.

X. Discussion regarding Retail. Item 10 on Agenda

Ben White gave an update on the annual Retail Convention staff attended. The trade show booth never made it to the convention but the show was very successful anyway.

XI. 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. Item 13 on Agenda

The next meeting agenda will include: Rowlett Allies Day

XII. Public Announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the commission may discuss or take any action with regard to the announcements.

No new announcements.

XIII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 A.M.



Robin Tomberlin, Chairman



Diane Lemmons, Assigned City Staff

Sept 2, 2010

Date Approved: