

City of Rowlett
Economic Development Advisory Board

Monday, April 29, 2013

10:00 A.M.

Development Services Conference Room 3901 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas 75088

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Barry Young called to order the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory board at 10:18 am on April 29, 2013 at the Development Services Conference Room at 3901 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas. In attendance: Tammy Dana-Bashian, Carol Prano, Drew Howard, Kevin Lawson, Larry Glick, and Jim Grabenhorst.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 12, 2012 MEETING:

Larry Glick made a correction and indicated he was present at the last meeting. A motion was made by Tammy Dana-Bashian and seconded by Drew Howard to approve the minutes with Larry's correction from the November 14, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

3. RECEIVE CHAMBER UPDATE

Carol Prano, Chamber Membership Services Director, announced several upcoming Chamber events, including the May 23th Chamber Golf Tournament at Waterview and the July 4th Rowlett Freedom 5K Race and encouraged Board members to share the information. She indicated that the Rowlett Chamber Foundation funds are available for businesses that want to renovate and/or change signs. A question was raised by Jim Grabenhorst, about the possibility of expanding the current grant to include façade, landscape and other building renovations to increase the number of possible applications. Carol mentioned that their new communications & program director, Laura Keasling, started working last week at the Chamber.

4. RECEIVE GISD UPDATE

Larry Glick provided the Board with an update on a possible bond election. He mentioned that the district would possibly wait until May or November of next year (2014). The bond election would include a total of \$350 million to cover school expansions and technology purchases. Larry discussed the recent personnel changes at the administrative level of several local area schools. He then gave an update on the Rowlett High School expansion construction and indicated that the project is done and should be open summer 2013.

5. DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, presented the Board with the Economic Development Strategic Plan for the next five years. Some discussion occurred relative to Downtown Entertainment district, Woodside Living and access to Community park, Liberty Grove Road alignments & Lake Pointe Hospital parking.

6. DISCUSS DOWNTOWN REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROCESS

Discussion was had regarding the Downtown RFQ process. Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, presented the Board with the details on the process to select a developer for the Downtown area.

7. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Jim Grabenhorst indicated that the next Economic Development Advisory Board meeting would be schedule for sometime in mid-summer.

8. TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS

No topics discussed at the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 A.M.



Doug Phillips, Chairman



Jim Grabenhorst, Assigned City Staff

10-30-13

Date Approved