

City of Rowlett
Economic Development Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

9:00 A.M.

Waterview Golf Course, 9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett, Texas 75088

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin Lawson called the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board meeting to order at 9:15 am on June 10, 2015 at the Waterview Golf Course, Rowlett, Texas. In attendance: Kevin Lawson, Larry Glick, Tammy Dana-Bashian, Drew Howard, Diane Lemmons, Barry Young, Bobby Montgomery, Brian Funderburk, Jim Grabenhorst, and Nathan Weber.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 25, 2015 MEETING

A motion was made by Barry Young and seconded by Drew Howard to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON THE CITY'S CURRENT INCENTIVE POLICY

Nathan Weber, Economic Development Specialist, provided a presentation on economic development incentives in Rowlett and competing communities.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding general fund allocations, the relationship between the Economic Development Department and the Chamber Foundation, marketing campaigns, transparency, funding, and incentive review.

4. DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON THE ROLE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding Board meeting times and the Board providing recommendations to City Council.

5. RECEIVE CHAMBER UPDATE

Diane Lemmons, Chamber President, gave the Chamber update to the Board. She announced that the Freedom 5K/Benefit iKandy Backpack Fund and Rotary Flags for Vets was coming up. She stated that there have been roughly 100 business retention visits conducted. She said that the Young Entrepreneur's Academy just finished their first year and that there were five new businesses in Rowlett due to their efforts. Lastly, Ms. Lemmons stated that the Waterview Golf Course would be putting on a benefit for the Rowlett Animal Shelter.

6. RECEIVE GISD UPDATE

Larry Glick announced that he is the new Board President for GISD. He stated that they are planning for the natatorium construction to start in May/June 2016 and are anticipating the facility to open in 2017. He said that the career/technology center planning has begun, firemen were being trained, and three more School Resource Officers were being added to the City of Rowlett.

7. TOUR WATERVIEW CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The Board was given a tour of the Waterview Clubhouse improvements.

8. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Jim Grabenhorst, Economic Development Director, made an announcement regarding the following events:

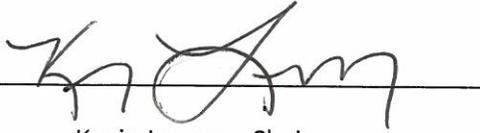
- *July 4, 2015 – Fireworks at Bayside*
- *Upcoming Chamber Luncheon*

9. TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding the Downtown Entrance Monument. It was decided that this would be the focus of the next meeting. The Board decided that a standing meeting would be set up for the EDAB for the third Tuesday of each month.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Young and seconded by Drew Howard to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 A.M.

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Kevin Lawson, Chairman

8-18-15

Date Approved

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Jim Grabenhorst, Assigned City Staff