



LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

July 1, 2010

The Local Redevelopment Authority of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on July 1, 2010 at 4:51 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
Kyle Jones
Dennis Kavanaugh
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

1. Take action on selecting a Chair and Vice Chair of the Local Redevelopment Authority.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on the process regarding the disposition of the former Air Force Research Lab located at 6030 South Kent Street. (District 6)

Mayor Smith explained that the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) is the legal entity that will undertake the process to define uses for the former Air Force Research Lab.

Economic Development Director William Jabjiniak introduced Brian Campbell, Chairman of the Economic Development Advisory Board, and Economic Development Project Manager Patrick Murphy. He also noted that Jeff Crockett, a member of the Economic Development Advisory Board, was present in the audience. Mr. Jabjiniak displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**see Attachment 1**) and said that the purpose of the presentation is to provide an update regarding the issue. He explained that the City's goals include the following: 1) retain the existing workforce of 200 high-wage, high-value employees; 2) assist in the transition of the property from military use to civilian use; and 3) maximize the use of the property by submitting a redevelopment plan.

Mr. Campbell continued the presentation by advising that the Air Force declared the Research Lab to be surplus property. He stated that the *Base Realignment and Closure Act* procedures require that activities to determine the future use of the property must be conducted by a Local

Redevelopment Authority and the City of Mesa was designated by the Air Force to be that authority on May 19th. Mr. Campbell said that advertisements for Notices of Interest (NOI) were published on June 12th to solicit public input regarding the proposed use of the property, the timing, the benefits to the community and the number and types of jobs to be created. He added that a request for a consultant is included in the process and that a grant to pay for the consultant is being sought from the Air Force Office of Economic Adjustment.

Mr. Murphy addressed the Council and outlined the future tasks to be completed (see pages 8 and 9 of Attachment 1). He stated that the LRA subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Board will meet on July 7th; the grant application for a consultant will be submitted next week; and a workshop/tour of the former Air Force Research Lab will be conducted on July 13th. He advised that NOIs will be incorporated into the Redevelopment Plan, which will be considered by the Local Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Murphy said that finalization of the contract with the consultant is planned for August, and he advised that the process for the Homeless Report has been initiated. He summarized the timeline (see page 10 of Attachment 1), which anticipates that the Air Force will begin disposition of the property in the summer of 2011.

Mayor Smith stated the opinion that although the process may be long and involved, in the end the effort will be worthwhile.

Mr. Jabjiniak concurred with the Mayor's comments, and he noted the importance of reaching out to all parties who have expressed an interest in the property.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Campbell, Mr. Jabjiniak and Mr. Murphy for the presentation.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Local Redevelopment Authority meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Local Redevelopment Authority meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 1st day of July, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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Attachment: 1