

Office of Economic Development
Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board
MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 12, 2011 4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Campbell, Chair
Tony Ham, Vice-Chair
William Jabjiniak
John Regni
Rick Shangraw

STAFF PRESENT

Patrick Murphy

OTHERS PRESENT

Roc Arnett
Dane Mullenix
Peter Sterling

1. Chair's Call To Order

Mr. William Jabjiniak called the meeting of the Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board (MRA) to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Jabjiniak welcomed and acknowledged attendance of the following Board members; Brian Campbell; Tony Ham; John Regni; and Rick Shangraw.

3. Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Jabjiniak conducted nominations and election of Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the MRA Executive Board.

MOTION: Mr. Rick Shangraw moved that the Board nominate Mr. Brian Campbell as Chairman.

SECOND: Mr. Tony Ham

DECISION: Passed unanimously

MOTION: Mr. Rick Shangraw moved that the Board nominate Mr. Tony Ham as the Vice-Chair.

SECOND: Mr. John Regni

DECISION: Passed unanimously

At this time Chairman Campbell took over the meeting.

4. Discuss and take action on the by-laws of the Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board

Chair Campbell referred to the By-Laws that were previously emailed to all the Board members and called for a motion to adopt the By-Laws for the Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board.

MOTION: Mr. Jabjiniak moved that the By-Laws for the Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board be approved with modification to Article I, Section 4, bottom line after facility, “to include formerly known as the Air Force Research Lab “Facility” and modification to Article II, Section 5, last line after Board the words “related to the management of the Facility” be added.

SECOND: Mr. John Regni

DECISION: Passed unanimously

5. Discuss and take action on a new name for the former Air Force Research Lab

After review, discussion and selection of a new name for the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL), Chair Campbell called for a motion, for reflection in the official minutes, to rename the AFRL to Arizona Laboratories for Security and Defense Research (AZLabs).

MOTION: Mr. John Regni moved that the name for the former Air Force Research Lab be formally renamed to Arizona Laboratories for Security and Defense Research, also to be known using the acronym of AZLabs.

SECOND: Mr. Rick Shangraw

DECISION: Passed unanimously

6. Items for Upcoming Agendas

Chair Campbell made several announcements concerning upcoming events. Thursday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m. is the flag lowering event at the AFRL; and then Thursday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. the City of Mesa will hold a celebration event for the renaming of the AFRL. He encouraged those able to attend to please do so.

After discussion it was agreed upon for the MRA Executive Board to meet monthly. The next meeting, day, time and location will be determined shortly.

Mr. Regni inquired what the City Council reporting requirements were for the Board.

Mr. Jabjiniak responded no formal reporting requirements were established; however the minutes are submitted to the City Council for acceptance and acknowledgement. There will be certain points the City Council will be looking for updates. The first presentation to the City Council will be the Transition, Marketing, and Facility Management Plan. The consultant for the Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) will also be giving periodic updates to the City Council. The MRA Executive Board will be asked to participate in the presentations along with Economic Development staff.

Mr. Patrick Murphy commented that a contract has been executed with RKG Associates (RKG). RKG is the consultant chosen to assist with the Economic Development Conveyance Application. The goal is to have the application submitted to the Air Force in March 2012. There are certain components to the application with the first being a review of the Reuse Plan and Infrastructure Analysis due November 1, 2011. The second component is a Business and Operational Plan that is due to be completed

December 1, 2011. The draft version of the application is due January 3, 2012 with the final application completed by February 1, 2012. The draft will be taken through the necessary process, one of which is to come before the MRA Executive Board for review and then to the Mesa Redevelopment Authority, which is the City Council.

Mr. Dane Mullenix briefed the Board on the Transition Plan. Beginning on Friday, September 16, 2011 Alion Science and Technology will begin operations with a legacy group of paying and non-paying tenants. The paying tenants will primarily consist of Alpha Communications and two (2) of their subcontractors for a total of approximately twenty-four (24) people. There are three (3) Emeritus Status professors that have asked to be temporarily housed with one (1) eventually becoming a paying customer.

Chair Campbell requested Mr. Mullenix present the full detailed Transition and Marketing Plan at the next scheduled Board meeting.

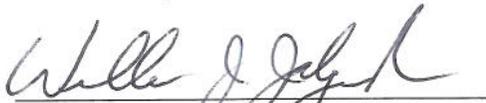
7. Items from Citizens Present

Mr. Roc Arnett commended and expressed appreciation to all the people involved with working on acquiring the former AFRL. He stated what a tremendous asset to the City of Mesa this has become.

8. Adjournment

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Submitted By:



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(Prepared by Betsy Adams)