

**Office of Economic Development
Economic Development Advisory Board
57 E. 1st Street
Lower Level Council Chambers
Mesa, AZ 85201**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 7, 2013 **Time:** 7:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rich Adams
James Christensen
Tony Siebers
Laura Snow
Steve Wood

EX-OFFICIO

Mayor Scott Smith (excused)
Chris Brady (excused)
Brian Campbell
Jeff Crockett
Sally Harrison
Steve Shope

STAFF PRESENT

Betsy Adams
Bill Jabjiniak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terry Benelli (excused)
Mitzi Montoya (excused)
Jeff Pitcher (excused)
Jo Wilson (excused)

GUESTS

Marc Garcia
Bob McNichols

1. Chair's Call To Order

Chair Jeff Crockett called the May 7, 2013 meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board to order at 7:40 a.m. at the new Cubs Stadium construction site, Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa, AZ 85201.

2. Items from Citizens Present

Mr. Marc Garcia and Mr. Bob McNichols stated they were glad to be at the meeting and were looking forward to the driving tour.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2013, Board Meeting

Chair Crockett called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 2, 2013.

MOTION: Sally Harrison moved that the minutes from April 2, 2013, be approved.

SECOND: Laura Snow.

DECISION: Passed unanimously.

4. Director's Report

The Marriott SpringHill Suites is a promising prospect for the first hotel with 105 rooms and no additional amenities to be located around the new Cubs stadium. Talks are also

being conducted with another developer interested in building a second hotel with 150 rooms and full amenities.

Mr. Kim Lofgreen has been hired as the new Marketing and Development Manager. Mr. Lofgreen has extensive design and marketing experience and began employment on April 15. JD Beatty was hired as an Economic Development Specialist and also started employment on April 15. The second interviews to replace Sue Cason and Betsy Adams are scheduled for May 16 and 21. Mr. Shea Joachim has returned to the office after a three (3) month special assignment to the City Managers' office.

5. Driving Tour

At the conclusion of a short business meeting a driving tour was conducted at the Cubs Stadium site.

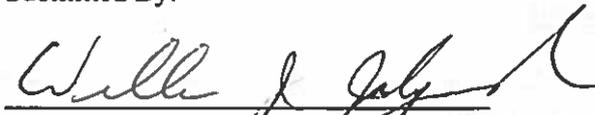
6. Other Business

Tuesday, June 4, 2013, will be the next EDAB Board meeting. Election of officers will be conducted and acknowledgement of two (2) Board members going off the board.

7. Adjourned

Chair Crockett adjourned the Board meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Submitted By:



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(Prepared by Betsy Adams)