

Office of Economic Development
Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board
WORKING SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2012 4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Campbell, Chair
William Jabjiniak
Virgil Renzulli

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Ham, Vice Chair
General Regni

STAFF PRESENT

Sue Cason
Margaret Robertson

GUESTS

Dane Mullenix
Terry Schafer
Steven Shope

1. Call to Order

Chair Brian Campbell called the meeting of the Mesa Redevelopment Authority (MRA) Executive Board Working Session to order at 4:25 P.M.

2. Items from Citizens Present

No Comments were made.

3. Working Session

Chair Campbell stated that this working session will focus on the Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) application and also the Business Marketing Plan submitted by Alion Science and Technology in December.

Mr. Jabjiniak said that the document of the physical assessment of the property has useful information for a foundation for the EDC application preparation. It also helps Alion to be aware of issues and concerns they need to address. One concern is the cost of the utilities and that is being discussed.

Outside council also provided a copy of the security certificate that was issued to Alion. Mr. Mullenix stated that Mr. Rick Schultz is the official security officer at the AZLabs. He also stated for the record that there are three requirements to receive the security certification: 1) the facility needs to meet the physical accreditation standards; 2) a company with accreditation needs to hold security clearance and does the associated work; and 3) the company needs a DD254 Department of Defense form that associates the company's ability to do that particular work at that site with a contract. Since Alion has achieved an accreditation that blankets the entire facility and is operational, new companies coming in to do research do not have a delay or risk factor associated with their own accreditation.

The security accreditation is an important part of the EDC application as we have to demonstrate to the Air Force what we want to do at this site.

Mr. Jabjiniak announced that the AZLabs have their first signed lease with a user for a small amount of office space.

Chair Campbell asked Ms. Margaret Robertson, City of Mesa Attorney, to look into the public record request law as to how these documents can remain confidential due to the security level.

Mr. Jabjiniak stated that the MRA Executive Board will need to adopt the Business and Marketing Plan submitted by Alion, and the EDC application submitted by RKG Associates. Then make a recommendation to the MRA (City Council) that they authorize the submission of the EDC application. The EDC application is to be submitted by the end of the first quarter 2012 which is March 30, 2012.

Mr. Renzulli stated that the Business and Marketing Plan is very good, and is looking forward to seeing the next level of how the plan is to be implemented. Any changes or comments from the board and staff concerning the plan should be addressed to Ms. Shelly Allen and/or Patrick Murphy. The comments are to be assembled for Ms. Robertson to do a final read of the document before being presented to the MRA Executive Board for adoption at the next meeting.

Chair Campbell moved to the EDC application for discussion. He stated that most of the appendices to the application will not change as several have been adopted already. The board raised several questions concerning the Performance Section of the application and Mr. Jabjiniak and Ms. Robertson suggested that they discuss these issues further with the consultant before a final draft of the application is made.

Since Mr. Renzulli needed to leave for another appointment, Chair Campbell choose to adjourn the meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

4. Adjournment

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

Submitted By:

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(Prepared by Sue Cason)