

Office of Economic Development
Economic Development Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 15, 2006: 7:32 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Garcia
Jim LeCheminant
Vern Mathern
Patricia Schroeder
Ted Wendel

EX-OFFICIO

Mayor Keno Hawker (excused)
Chris Brady
Charlie Deaton (excused)
Jack Sellers

STAFF PRESENT

Betsy Adams
Wahid Alam
Shelly Allen
Sue Cason
Harold Decker
Debbi Dollar
Teri Killgore
John Wesley

GUESTS

Andrew Cohn
Paul Gilbert

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Campbell
Raul Cardenas (excused)
Dale Easter
Steve Shope (excused)

1. Chair's Call To Order

Chair Mike Garcia called the November 15, 2006 meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board to order at 7:32 A.M. in the Mesa City Plaza Room 170.

2. Discuss and Finalize Draft Letters to the City Council Regarding the General Plan Amendment 06-01

Chair Garcia explained the purpose of the specially called meeting was to review the letter drafted for the City Council. This letter pertains to the Major General Plan Amendment 06-01 submission of the 1,700 acres around the Williams Gateway Airport. He stated that there was no need for a vote on the letter, but he wanted to use this meeting as a consensus-building opportunity. He referred to the hard copy draft letters provided to each Board member and opened it up for discussion.

Comments made were complimentary and supportive of the letters. The Board members felt the letters were very well done and suggested very few changes to be made. The Board was in agreement that after the few suggested wording changes that the letter be sent to the City Council under the Chair's signature.

3. Other Business

Next regular EDAB Meeting will be December 5, 2006.

4. Comments from the Board and Public

City Manager, Chris Brady asked if the EDAB Board would like to hear a presentation on the Waveyard Project that is being negotiated conditional upon, the Waveyard teams availability for the December 5th meeting.

The EDAB Board members were enthused and supportive of this suggestion. It was decided that if Waveyard could not be present then the December 5th meeting would be cancelled and the next regularly scheduled meeting would be February 6th.

Ms. Teri Killgore explained that the Board has been asked to relocate the meetings from Room 170. The relocation will occur with the December 5th meeting. A permanent home will be found and included in the agenda.

Chair Garcia commented that originally it was talked about having the Board meetings in different areas of the City with respect to the Employment Centers that we would be addressing.

Mr. Ted Wendel commented that A.T. Stills University would like to host a meeting. It would give an opportunity to see the property and what is going on.

5. Adjournment

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:48 A.M.

Submitted By:

Teri Killgore, Interim Economic Development Director
(Prepared by Betsy Adams)