

Office of Economic Development
Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board
57 E. 1st Street
Lower Level Council Chambers
Mesa, AZ 85201

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 26, 2012 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Campbell, Chair
Tony Ham, Vice-Chair (conferenced in)
William Jabjiniak (excused)
John Regni
Virgil Renzulli (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Sue Cason
Margaret Robertson

GUESTS

Maria Polletta
Dane Mullenix

1. Chair's Call To Order

Chair Brian Campbell called the meeting of the Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board (MRA) to order at 1:06 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes from the April 24, 2012 Meeting

Chair Campbell called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 24, 2012.

MOTION: General Regni moved that the minutes from April 24, 2012 be approved as written.

SECOND: Tony Ham

DECISION: Pass unanimously

3. Items from Citizens Present

No citizens were present.

4. Discuss and possibly take action on Arizona's effort to be designated a National Test Range to Integrate Unmanned Aircraft Systems into the National Airspace System

This agenda item is tabled until the next meeting.

5. Discuss and possibly take action on status of the Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) application for the Arizona Laboratories for Security and Defense Research (AZLabs), including the status of OEA Grant CL0903-11-02-12-01

Ms. Margaret Robertson stated Mesa has received a conditional approval of the EDC application which has been accepted by the Air Force pending negotiation of a back end profit sharing proposal. Ms. Robertson gave them a verbal to submit a draft of the agreement which is tentatively anticipated by the end of this week.

Chair Campbell inquired about a back end perspective regarding timing of participation to begin and the level of participation.

Ms. Robertson stated that until the agreement is reviewed no other items will be discussed. Mesa is the third base anticipated to be closed after the regulations no longer requires a fair market value evaluation and any revenue sharing up front. The first one, Buckley, was signed on the 30th and the next one is Mather. The head of the Mather Redevelopment Authority is checking with counsel to see if the document can be released to Ms. Robertson so she can review it.

Chair Campbell reiterated that since pressure is on the City to function within budget, he would like to review the status of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Grant.

Ms. Robertson expressed that the grant was for covering the cost for the EDC application. Going forward, the grant would serve the need for keeping legal counsel through the closing of negotiations of the actual agreement. An extension of \$30,000 has been extended to September 30 with no additional cost for current negotiations of the agreement since the agreement has not been received.

Chair Campbell reiterated that the OEA is supportive of the actions of this Board and assisting in funding. Ms. Robertson agreed with this assessment.

When General Regni referred to the other Air Force contracts that have recently been approved, Ms. Robertson further advised that the Buckley and Mather matters were much more complex than the Mesa agreement.

6. Discuss and possibly take action on efforts to expand and/or improve facilities at AZLabs

This agenda item is tabled until the next meeting.

7. Discuss and possibly take action on report of Alion Science and Technology regarding its business operations and marketing efforts at AZLabs

This agenda item is tabled until the next meeting.

8. Other Business

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 24, 2012, 1:00 P.M. at 57 E. 1st Street, Lower Level Council Chamber, Mesa, AZ 85201

9. Adjournment

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:11 P.M.

Submitted By:

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(Prepared by Jeanne LaRue)