

**CITY OF ANTIOCH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**Regular Meeting
6:30 p.m.**

**June 21, 2004
Third Floor Conference Room**

Vice Chairman Arndt called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2004 in the Third Floor Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Agopian, Calderwood, Pfeiffer, and Vice Chairman Arndt
Absent: Commissioners Lanphere, Kalafate and Chairman Holman
Staff: Economic Development Director Uriyu
Minutes Clerk Debra Lawson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 3, May 17 and June 7, 2004

May 3, 2004: Commissioner Calderwood requested a change on page 3, fifth paragraph, last line, changing the wording from "stacking progression" to "phased approach".

On motion by Commissioner Calderwood and seconded by Commissioner Agopian, the Economic Development Commission approved the Minutes of May 3, 2004, as amended.

AYES: Calderwood, Agopian, Pfeiffer and Arndt

ABSENT: Holman, Lanphere and Kalafate

The Minutes of May 17, 2004 were held over to the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 12, 2004.

The Minutes of June 7, 2004 were held over due to a lack of a quorum.

2. CITY OF ANTIOCH WEBSITE EVALUTION

Commissioner Calderwood reported that she would be contacting Assistant City Manager Gegg to meet and discuss this issue further. Also, that she would be making a presentation to the Commission on July 12 followed by a presentation to the City Council on July 20.

3. BUSINESS OUTREACH ACTIVITY AND UPDATE

- Discussion

Chairman Arndt stated that this item would be discussed at a later date.

4. REVIEW OF COMMISSION CALENDAR

Through discussions there was a consensus amongst the Commission to meet in July on the 12 and 26, and in August on the 9 and 23. It would be discussed amongst the Commission at a later date whether to meet on the first and third Monday in September.

Economic Development Director Uriyu reminded the Commission of the June 22 City Council Budget meeting, and also of the City Council's June 29 meeting regarding the Restaurant Incentive Program and the adoption of the City Budget.

Discussions ensued regarding possible future agenda items and it was noted that a Website presentation would be to the City Council in July.

5. REYNOLDS AND BROWN

- **Discussion**

Chairman Arndt requested that Economic Development Director Uriyu research the next steps of the Reynolds and Brown Project.

Commissioner Agopian expressed concern to the status of areas of FUA1 and FUA2, in terms of zoning and noted that he would like to review the current plans of these areas. He felt that these areas heavily influenced Economic Development within the southeast area of Antioch and felt that the Commission needed to be aware of the viewpoints of the citizens of this area, as well as being very sensitive to the citizen's needs. Commissioner Agopian felt that the Commission needed an ongoing update from Staff on the current status of these areas.

6. RESTAURANT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- **Recommendation to City Council**

Economic Development Director Uriyu reported that Joe Netter would be giving a presentation to the City Council on June 29 and recommended that the Commission attend this City Council meeting. Commissioner Calderwood interjected a request of Commissioner Pfeiffer to follow up with Commissioner Kalafate in regards to this proposal being made to the City Council. She wanted to ensure that Mr. Netter's presentation included the Commission's inputs and recommendations. Chairman Arndt recommended that Economic Development Director Uriyu follow up on this issue with Commissioner Kalafate, due to his absence tonight.

Commissioner Agopian requested an update on the City's Waterfront Plan.

Commissioner Calderwood felt that the EDC should possibly go before the City Council and advise them of future EDC meetings, as well as announce what items would be discussed. She felt this would not only create greater public exposure to the Commission and their issues, but that it would also expose the importance of the issues.

Through the suggestion of Commissioner Pfeiffer, Economic Development Director Uriyu noted that a new Chairman would be elected to the Commission in July, and that she would have it calendared at the appropriate time.

7. NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Agopian requested that the following items be added to the next agendized meeting:

- Update on the City's Waterfront Plan
- Status Report on FUA-1
- Status Report on FUA-2

Commissioner Calderwood requested that the Website be brought back for further discussions.

8. COMMENTS

a) PUBLIC

None.

b) COMMISSION

Commissioner Agopian felt that the Commission should review the process of the inner workings of the City, in terms of the public's association with City Staff, as well as ensuring that the process is business friendly. He recommended that a task force be devised to review the comparison of the fee structures, as well as other pertinent issues that have recently arisen through discussions. Commissioner Agopian volunteered to start a program of this type.

Commissioner Agopian felt it would be appropriate for the Commission to direct Staff to write a letter to Mike Hurd of Reynolds and Brown stating that the EDC still supported the concept of the Reynolds and Brown Project and that this project would be a benefit to the community. He also suggested that this letter could be directed to the City Council.

c) STAFF

Economic Development Director Uriyu reported that the Contra Costa County Partnership would be speaking to the EDC at a future meeting.

8. Adjournment

On motion by Commissioner Calderwood and seconded by Commissioner Agopian, the Economic Development Commission adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2004.

AYES: Calderwood, Pfeiffer, Agopian and Arndt

ABSENT: Holman, Kalafate and Lanphere

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Lawson
Minutes Clerk