

City of Antioch
Economic Development Commission
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2014
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, in the City Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Wright, Vice Chair Archuleta (tardy),
Commissioners Asadoorian, Parhams, Parsons and
Thorpe

Absent: Vacancy

Staff Present: City Manager Duran, Economic Development Program
Manager Nunnally

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 1 – Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were tabled until Archuleta arrived, and then approved 4-0-2 (Wright and Parsons abstained).

Item 2 – Four Focus Areas

2.a.) There was no update.

2.b.) There was no update.

2.c.i.) Chair Wright spoke about the possibility of a grant for the Brentwood Ag Land Trust and a grant just received for the Career Pathways Trust.

2.d.i.) Commissioner Parsons said she spoke with Assemblymember Frazier who indicated that there is no funding yet for ferries but there is the possibility of funding for a terminal that would be built so that a ferry could come in the event of an emergency. CM Duran discussed his tour with several elected and City officials to look at a preferred ferry location in Rivertown, the grant funding received for the Downtown Rivertown Specific Plan and another grant opportunity from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

Parsons then asked about funding for street improvements once the SR4 widening is complete, and Duran replied that CalTrans will be responsible for repairing any damage to City streets. Commissioner Asadoorian asked to return the discussion back to the ferry, asking if Supervisor Glover is involved, to which Parsons responded that there is no local representation possible until AB 935 is passed.

2.d.ii) There was no update.

Item 3 – Restructuring of Four Focus Areas to Realign with the EDSP

At the urging of Vice Chair Archuleta, the EDC discussed operationalizing the strategies and objectives set forth in the Economic Development section of the Citywide Strategic Plan by restructuring the current Four Focus Areas down to three, with the three being: 1) Antioch's Competitive Advantage and Business Climate; 2) Infrastructure and Targeted Investment; and 3) Regional Economic Development. Following a discussion on the timing of each proposal, with a motion by Parsons seconded by Asadoorian, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the three revised focus areas and proposal #1, with more discussion on proposals #2 and #3 to be placed on a future agenda.

Item 4 – Comments

4.a.) Public – There were no public comments.

4.b.) Commission – Archuleta thanked Duran for facilitating the meeting of the Sycamore neighborhood. Parsons thanked Archuleta for his hard work on the three focus areas. Wright thanked Duran for the City's participation in the State of the City event.

4.c.) Staff – Duran briefly recounted the Sycamore neighborhood meeting, and Asadoorian mentioned the situation at Deer Valley Plaza and the meetings taking place among the merchants to focus on safety at the shopping center. Duran concluded his remarks by stating that the Specific Plan takes about a year, but the City is not waiting and will be progressing on potential projects in the meanwhile. EDPM Nunnally announced that the deadline for the recruitment to fill the partial term EDC vacancy is June 12, 2014 and reminded the Commissioners that before they left he needed to get their preferred contact information so that he'd be able to update the current EDC roster.

Item 5 – Adjournment

Wright announced that the next regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission would be held Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber and adjourned the regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:53 p.m.