

Agenda
City of Brookings
Economic Development Committee (EDC)
Council Chambers 898 Elk Drive March 10, 2005 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chair John Zia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

EDC members present were: Jeremy McVeety, Don Mitchell, Shelly Eaton, Linda Brown (attending in place of Chris Nichols), Dorothy Garvin, Toni Mefford, and John Zia.

EDC members absent were: Kathy McCourt, David Freeman, Rick Bishop, Peggy Goergen, Frances Johns Kern, and Jay Patel.

City staff present were: Community Development Director Ed Wait, Senior Planner Dianne Snow, and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker.

Brian Bullock represented the Curry Coastal Pilot and there were approximately 15 members of the public also present.

III. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

A. Minutes of February 10, 2005 meeting

There was not a quorum present so no action was taken on this item.

IV. Addition of items to agenda if needed

It was agreed to add the Farmer's Market to tonight's agenda.

V. Scheduled Public Appearances

A. Grant Young, Curry County Planning Director

Curry County Planning Director Young gave the committee members an overview of Curry County standards for roads, drainage and hillsides. He said Curry County growth issues are different than other counties in the state as Curry County has jurisdiction in the Brookings' Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) so the County also has urban planning to perform.

He talked about the master plan areas of the UGB and said each area will be planned individually. The increasing amount of development in the north Harbor Hills revealed a need for a County storm water ordinance. Presently the County is working on developing steep slope standards, and water control standards. The County is making extensive revisions to their standards to nearly mirror City of Brookings standards.

Young spoke of Measure 37 issues saying its passage woke up legislatures to the fact that the public is sick and tired of the cumbersome land use process.

There was a question/answer session with participation of the committee and members of the public.

B. Leroy Blodgett, City Manager

City Manager Blodgett was not able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

VI. Unscheduled Public Appearances

Don Nuss, 650 Mardon Court, reported the ODOT Stakeholders Committee has completed its task and was dissolved March 9. He said the group voted 7-2 in favor of Alternative 5 which would widen the existing highway, remove parking on both sides of Chetco Avenue downtown and allow for left turn lanes. He also said he hoped the Mayor and City Council would resign their positions as the Urban Renewal Agency to allow for more public input. He said he was working to repeal Ordinance 342 Section 15.

Councilor Dave Gordon, also in the audience, added there were four members of the stakeholders committee not present at their meeting March 9 and ODOT will be contacting them to add their votes to the total. Curry Coastal Pilot Report Brian Bullock said he had been in contact with two of those who said they would vote for Alternative 4, the Chetco Avenue/Railroad Street couplet.

VII. Staff Reports/Updates/Information

A. Dianne Snow, Senior Planner

Senior Planner Snow said the Land Use Board of Appeals heard the Borax appeal and will have a decision before April 8. She reported there are three seats open on the Planning Commission, two because of term expirations. The third came open with the resignation of Bob Gilmore due to personal and family reasons. Interested persons have until March 18 to submit their applications. Snow had examples of maps generated by the new GIS system. Community Development personnel are currently being trained on the software.

B. Ed Wait, Community Development Director

Community Development Director Wait said City Manager Blodgett would be at the next EDC meeting explaining policy direction for the EDC.

VIII. Sub-committee Reports

A. Downtown Subcommittee

B. Annexation Subcommittee

C. Healthcare Subcommittee

Due to time constraints these reports were not given.

IX. Old Business

A. ODOT Transportation Solutions Highway 101 (Chetco Avenue)

No report.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Work Items for next or future meetings

Growth/Annexation will be the focus of the April meeting. Items not handled on this agenda will also be discussed.

XII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be April 14.

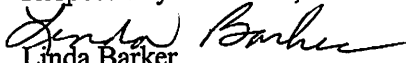
XIII. Summary of action items

None

XIV. Adjournment

By unanimous voice vote the Committee adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Barker

Administrative Secretary