

Minutes
City of Brookings
Economic Development Committee (EDC)
Council Chambers 898 Elk Drive April 14, 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, Peggy Goergen (arriving at 8:05), David Freeman (arriving at 7:15), Dorothy Garvin, Kathy McCourt (arriving at 8:20), Toni Mefford, and John Zia.

EDC members absent were: Rick Bishop, Linda Brown, Shelly Eaton, Frances Johns Kern, and Jay Patel.

City staff present were: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Community Development Director Ed Wait, Senior Planner Dianne Snow, Administrative Secretary Linda Barker, and Administrative Assistant Donna Colby-Hanks.

Brian Bullock represented the Curry Coastal Pilot and there were approximately 3 members of the public also present.

III. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

A. Minutes of February 10, 2005 meeting

Goergen moved, a second followed, and by voice vote the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the February 10 and March 10, 2005, meetings as written.

IV. Addition of items to agenda if needed

None

V. Scheduled Public Appearances

A. Leroy Blodgett, City Manager

Blodgett discussed the make-up of the Economic Development Committee and whether it would be best for the committee to be independent, not a city committee.

Ed Wait, Community Development Director stated the committee has the ability to take on some important economic growth issues. They could benefit from standing on their own and would not be afraid to take on political challenges or have free flowing ideas.

Blodgett stated the city is uncomfortable with some of the issues raised by the committee. There was further discussion on the pros and cons of being independent or being a city committee. The committee decided to continue this discussion to the next meeting to allow members time to consider all the alternatives.

VI. Staff Reports/Updates/Information

A. Dianne Snow, Senior Planner

Senior Planner Snow said the Land Use Board of Appeals heard the Borax appeal and have changed their decision date from April 8 to April 20, 2005. She reported on recent developments in the city. Snow stated she gave a brief presentation on Planning

Commission Training and three members would be attending additional training at Canyonville.

- B. *Ed Wait, Community Development Director*
Wait discussed Curry County paving Parkview Drive. Wait stated ODOT's reconstruction project on HWY 101 would be put out for bid in June and started in September. He explained the underground utility installation associated with the reconstruction project.

VII. Sub-committee Reports

- A. *Downtown Subcommittee*
Toni Mefford stated members of the committee had conducted a site visit for placement of the welcome signs and will discuss it at the April 27, 2005 meeting in the Council Chambers.
- B. *Annexation Subcommittee*
David Freeman stated there was nothing new at this time for this committee. Zia requested City Manager Blodgett give an updated presentation on annexation (originally given at the Port) at the next EDC meeting. The members discussed the possible pros and cons of annexation.
- C. *Healthcare Subcommittee*
Toni Mefford stated the previous meeting had been cancelled due to no available meeting place. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the small conference room at Chetco Public Library. Shelly Eaton has a conflict of interest and won't be on that committee. Jay Patel will be the Chair.

IX. Old Business

- A. *ODOT Transportation Solutions Highway 101 (Chetco Avenue)*
Wait discussed this item earlier in the meeting.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Work Items for next or future meetings

The direction of the committee will be the focus of the next meeting.

XII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be May 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

XIII. Summary of action items

None

XIV. Adjournment

By unanimous voice vote the Committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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