

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD
February 10, 2016

After determining that a quorum was present, the Economic Development Partnership Board convened on Wednesday, January 13, 2015 at 11:19 a.m. The meeting was held at the Denton Police Department Public Training Center, 709 E Hickory Street, Denton, Texas, 76205.

PRESENT: Tom McCoy, Larry Parker, Chris Watts, Greg Johnson, Cleve Breedlove, Marty Rivers, Jim Fykes, Diane Costa, and John Baines

ABSENT: John Gilmer, Carrell Ann Simmons, and Neal Smatresk

EX-OFFICIO: Present: Chuck Carpenter, George Campbell Absent: Jamie Wilson

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Fortune, Bryan Langley, Aimee Bissett, Caroline Booth, Christina Davis, Julie Glover, Michelle Cunningham, Erica Sullivan, Karen Boenker, Kim Phillips, Quentin Hix, and Dave Schaumburg

WORK SESSION

A. EDP 16-001 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding year two of the Strategic Action Agenda

Booth presented the updates for each team, highlighting new goals. A hard copy of the completed team tactics was distributed.

B. EDP 16-002 Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction regarding the 2015 Return on Investment Report

Booth gave the same presentation to the EDP Board that was presented to the joint City Council and DISD meeting. Baines asked if the results include United Copper. Sullivan responded that tracking information includes ten years of data. In the case of a 3 year incentive agreement, each will be tracked for a total of ten years. The additional seven years of tracking information will allow all incentives to be tracked for the same time frame.

C. EDP 16-004 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a resolution to accept the Denton Enterprise Airport (DTO) 2015 Master Plan for Airport development

Quentin Hix and Dave Schaumburg, who joined the airport staff as Airport Manager in 2015, gave a history of the airport master plan through present day. The master plan which was drafted in conjunction with Kimley-Horn in 2014 and completed in 2015, is ready to present the City Council.

Denton Enterprise Airport is the 7th busiest airport in Texas and 67th busiest in the nation. An immediate need for the airport is a parallel runway. The west runway will open up about 100 acres, what's truly needed is development of loop 288 extension to gain access for west side development. FAA recommends planning thresholds at 60%, which the DEA is currently past that.

The City first year funding is escrowed. TXDOT is working on theirs, but there is \$22 million in public infrastructure needed.

In open discussion questions regarding the roads, public improvements, and funding for Masch Branch and other roads around the airport were discussed.

D. EDP16-004 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding an industrial project, West Gate Business Park (WGBP Investments, LTD.).

Booth gave an overview and update on Westgate Business Park. There are three buildings, the first one is complete. They want an incentive from the county, but the county will only consider tax abatement after approved by municipality. Booth explained the difference between 380 and tax abatement. Their incentive was based on what Allegiance received from Tarrant County and Fort Worth.

1. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session

1. REGULAR MEETING

A. EDP16-007 Consider approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2016, meeting

Baines motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Fykes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with a vote of 9-0.

B. EDP16-006 Make a recommendation to City Council regarding an incentive for West Gate Business Park.

Fykes motioned to approve the request to convert an incentive for West Gate Business Park from a 380 tax incentive to tax abatement. Costa seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 9-0.

C. EDP16-008 Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding a resolution to accept the Denton Enterprise Airport 2015 Master Plan for Airport development.

Johnson motioned making a recommendation to the City Council to accept the Denton Enterprise Airport 2015 Master Plan for Airport development. Parker seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 9-0.

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Updates from staff

- a) Booth gave an update on Team 1 - \$5 million in skills grants are available for Denton businesses. Department of Labor 90% of hourly interns grant for IT & maintenance.
- b) Survival Systems USA, due to delays beyond control, staff will bring back this item and update EDP.
- c) Kim Phillips reported that the Discover Denton Welcome Center is set to open by April 1, grand opening around Arts & Jazz.
- d) Mid-March in Austin at SXSWi will be attended by the Chamber, City, UNT, and will be ED/Tourism/Education Focus.

D. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.