

MINUTES  
CITY OF DENTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
December 13, 2017

After determining that a quorum was present, the Economic Development Partnership Board convened on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 11:07 a.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, 76201.

**PRESENT:** Jill Jester, Jim Fykes, Keely G. Briggs, Carrell Ann Simmons, John Baines, Marty Rivers, Jimmy Mejia, Gerard Hudspeth, Tom McCoy, and Bob Eames

**ABSENT:** Carine Feyten and Steve Edgar

**EX-OFFICIO:** **PRESENT:** Chuck Carpenter, Jamie Wilson  
**ABSENT:** Todd Hileman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer DeCurtis, Caroline Booth, Adam Gawarecki, Julie Glover, Michelle Cunningham, Kim Phillips, Karen Boenker, Michelle Coughlin, Christina Davis, and Erica Sullivan

**1. WORK SESSION**

**A. EDP17-065 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Development Services Department update from Scott McDonald, Development Services Director.**

McDonald gave a report about the numerous changes the Department of Development Services has undergone recently. McDonald mentioned that new leadership is challenging outdated methods with a focus on implementing best practices. The goals of the department include Development Services becoming a community partner and implementing processes that will help to expedite safe, responsible development within the City.

There was transparent discussion about challenges that some of the Board Members have faced while working with the department in the past. The Board members gave suggestions and asked questions based on their experiences. The Board thanked McDonald for taking on the challenging task of improving the processes of the Development Services department and congratulated him and staff on the changes they have been able to accomplish in a short period of time.

**B. EDP17-060 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding changes to the Policy for Tax Abatement, Incentives and the Public Improvement District (PID) policy.**

The EDPB Board chose to table this item, it will be added to the next meeting agenda.

**1. REGULAR MEETING 11:45 a.m.**

**A. EDP-17-062 Consider approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2017, meeting.**

Baines made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jester seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of (10-0).

**B. EDP17-068 Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding changes to the Policy for Tax Abatement, Incentives and the Public Improvement District (PID) policy.**

This item was tabled, it will be added to the next meeting agenda.

**B. EDP 17-060 EDP Staff Reports:**

**1. December 2017 Chamber Activity Report.**

**2. October 2017 STaND Report.**

**The Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.**