

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DENTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
November 11, 2020**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Economic Development Partnership Board convened on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 11:03 a.m., in the City Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, 76201.

**PRESENT:** John Baines (Chair), Jill Jester (Vice Chair), Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, Mark McLellan, Jimmy Mejia, Lee Ramsey, Jason Tomlinson, Erica Pangburn (ex-officio), and Jamie Wilson (ex-officio)

**ABSENT:** Tony Clark, Chris Davis, Bob Eames, Steve Edgar, and Todd Hileman (ex-officio)

Also present were Jessica Rogers, Cory Lacy (Chamber of Commerce), Mack Reinwand, Dan Rosenfield, Erica Sullivan, and Kay Brown-Patrick.

**Note:** John Baines, Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, Jill Jester, Mark McLellan, Jimmy Mejia, Lee Ramsey, and Jason Tomlinson participated in the meeting via video/teleconference under the provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.

**1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**A. EDP20-051 Consider approval of the minutes of October 14, 2020.**

Briggs made a motion to recommend approval of the minutes of October 14 as presented. McLellan seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

AYES (8): Baines, Briggs, Davis, Jester, McLellan, Mejia, Ramsey, Tomlinson  
NAYS (0): None

**B. EDP20-052 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and appoint or reappoint members of the Downtown Economic Development Committee.**

Staff presented the item. Discussion followed. Jester made a motion to appoint Jesse Davis as the EDPB representative on the Downtown Economic Development Committee. Briggs seconded. Motion carried (8-0).

AYES (8): Baines, Briggs, Davis, Jester, McLellan, Mejia, Ramsey, Tomlinson  
NAYS (0): None

**C. EDP20-053 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a business retention and expansion program for economic development.**

McLellan made a motion to approve the business retention and expansion program as presented. Jester seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

AYES (8): Baines, Briggs, Davis, Jester, McLellan, Mejia, Ramsey, Tomlinson  
NAYS (0): None

**D. EDP20-054 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a program agreement with Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC for the management and operation of Stoke Denton.**

Staff presented the item. Discussion followed. Heather Gregory (Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC and Stoke Executive Director) responded to Board member questions. Ramsey abstained from the discussion.

McLellan made a motion to recommend City Council approve a program agreement with Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC for the management and operation of Stoke Denton as presented. Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

AYES (7): Baines, Briggs, Davis, Jester, McLellan, Mejia, Tomlinson

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAINED (1): Ramsey

Jester and McLellan left the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

**E. EDP20-055 Staff Reports:**

1. Economic Development Quarterly Report – Q4
2. Monthly Chamber Activity Report

Staff presented the staff reports. No action was taken.

**2. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

Board members requested future discussions on the use of CDBG funds for economic development and information regarding access to capital for minority owned businesses.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

  
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John Baines, Chair  
Economic Development Partnership Board

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