

City of Rowlett

Special Meeting

Economic Development Advisory Board

Thursday, July 03, 2008

8:30 A.M.

City Hall Conference Room, 4000 Main Street

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Greg Sims called to order the **Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board** at 8:34 A.M. on July 03, 2008 in **City Hall Conference Room at 4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas**. In attendance: Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Rushing, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Todd Gottel, Greg Sims, Drew Howard, Ben White, George Harris, Larry Glick, Robin Tomberlin, John Spor and Mary Alice Etheridge.

II. Welcome and Introduction. Item 2 on Agenda

Greg Sims welcomed Council Doug Phillips and Patrick Jackson for coming to the meeting. Ben White explained that the two new council member's orientation on the Economic Development Department of the City was scheduled for today and having them sit in on the advisory board meeting would help give them an understanding of Rowlett's Economic Development Advisory Board efforts.

III. DART bridge discussion and recommendation. Item 3 on Agenda

Drew Howard wanted to know what DART had agreed to in the past. Mr. Howard wanted to know if prior agreements were verbal or written. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Gottel exclaimed that we do not have the traffic counts that warrant the bridge verses at grade crossing. Mr. Larry Glick stated that he has avoided Rowlett Road for two years and so have many others which would affect the traffic counts. Mr. Glick stated the issue is promises were made by DART for a grade separation at Rowlett Road. Mr. Glick stated we were also promised a Transit Center with air conditioning. Mr. Glick stated these promises were made during public meetings and is a matter of public record. Greg Sims exclaimed that we need to be concerned with what the Transit Center looks like. That is a big issue from an esthetic point of view. Mr. John Spor stated we should have all agreements in writing and use whatever leverage we have available to us. Mr. Glick exclaimed we should argue for a Transit Center and a bridge. Drew Howard wanted to know as an advisory board "what can we do?" Robin Tomberlin expressed that most people feel it is a lost cause. Mr. Glick stated in the grand scheme of it all it is not a lot of money. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Gottel asked the board "do we want to risk rolling the dice to put this project on hold?" Drew Howard made a motion that we make a recommendation to the city council to form a committee of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Todd Gottel, Larry Glick, and Drew Howard to research the promises made by DART. John Spor seconds the motion with all in favor. Motion carried.

IV. The Economic Development Board shall convene into executive session pursuant to §551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE regarding Project Primo, Project Aero, and Dover Cliff. Items 4, 5, and 6 on Agenda

V. Discuss and take appropriate action if necessary on the executive session matter.
Item 6 on Agenda

Motion made by Drew Howard to recommend approval by the city council for the incentive application for four (4) years 50% of real and personal property tax abatement and waiver of impact fees for street, water and sewer for Project Primo. Motion seconded by Robin Tomberlin with all in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Members of the Economic Development Advisory Board may request topics for the future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.

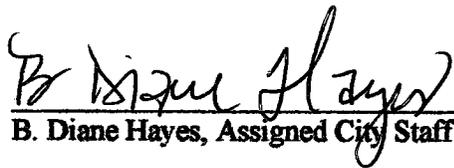
Developmental process will be on the next Agenda. Ask David English to come to the next meeting. July 31st, 2008 will be the next meeting. Screening wall discussion between commercial and residential properties. Bond committee update. Ben White thanked everyone for coming on July 3. He realizes tomorrow is a holiday and appreciates everyone's time.

VII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 09:55 A.M.



Greg Sims, Chairman



B. Diane Hayes, Assigned City Staff

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Date Approved: