

City of Franklin
Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 25, 2012

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The June 25, 2012 meeting of the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Haskins at 6:30 pm. Members present were Chairman Haskins, Ald. Taylor, Michlig, Sweeney Katz-Petted and Tatlock. Member Iwinski was excused. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Sajdak and Planning Director Joel Dietl.

II. Citizen Comment Period

Chairman Haskins opened the floor to citizen comment. There being no citizens expressing a desire to speak, the citizen comment period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. May 14, 2012

Motion made (Michlig) and seconded (Sweeney) to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting of the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee as presented. Motion carried: 6 Ayes; 0 Noes.

IV. Announcements (No action to be taken)

A. Announcements relating to Economic Development

None.

V. Business

A. Presentation on Franklin commercial space and economics by Steve Anderson.

Mr. Anderson presented some background information. Committee members had questions with respect to Meijer, 76th & Rawson area (Ka, Old Sentry, Ski hill), Lack of chain restaurants, and effectiveness of incentives. No action taken.

B. Changes to Franklin's Natural Resource Protection Standards (possible recommendation to Common Council).

Mr. Dietl reviewed the present state of the standard revisions. Discussion centered on the need to streamline the process vs. having sufficient expertise to recommend actual standards. Consensus was to recommend streamlining the process. Motion made (Sweeney) and seconded (Michlig) to recommend to Council to continue streamlining the process on this issue should be pursued provided that appropriate stake-holder input is received. Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes.

C. Franklin Promotional Brochure.

Michlig presented some options. Discussion followed about which options were preferred. Deadline of July 5 to get comments related to the copy to Michlig.

D. Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee Website.

Haskins provided the history on the web site. Michlig provided further information. Discussion followed about the appropriate path to take. Consensus was to continue on the current path. No formal action taken.

E. Discussion of ways FFEDC can assist the Crystal Ridge Sports Complex proposal.

Ald. Taylor indicated that this was primarily a County issue at this time given time constraints with respect to County Board meeting schedules. Discussion followed concerning the proposal vs. the Citizens for Community Development proposal at Froeming Park. No action taken.

F. Business Exit interview process and status of the first interview.

Item was tabled to the next meeting.

G. Business appreciation party update.

Nothing to report at this time, so no action was taken.

H. Possible Sponsorship of the SW Chamber of Commerce and/or Aerotropolis Golf Outings.

Motion made (Michlig) and seconded (Tatlock) to request funding to sponsor the events not to exceed \$250 each. Motion carried 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstention (Sweeney)

I. Presentation on Open Meetings Law.

Mr. Sajdak provided a refresher on Open Meetings Law issues. Discussion followed concerning specific examples. No action taken.

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VI. Next Meeting Date – July 23, 2012

Next Meeting was announced to be July 23, 2012.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made (Ald. Taylor) and seconded (Sweeney) to adjourn the June 25, 2012 Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee meeting. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 Noes.