



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 15, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue

Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:29pm.

Roll Call:

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Horng Brawer, Members Lehman and Shrem

Absent: Figone and Bajaj

Also Present: Rebecca Benassini, Council Liaison; Emily Alter, Community Planning Analyst and Staff Liaison

- 1. Staff/Council Liaisons Announcements and Reports** – Councilmember Benassini reported on recent Council Activities and Presentations, including: Measure R Polling Statistics, the Eden Housing Disposition Development and Loan Agreement, the Budget Study Session including the \$1 million potential deficit if established budget is carried forward, Capital Improvement Program Study Session, and Approval of Build Inc. Term Sheet for Development of the Mayfair Block.
- 2. Comments from the Public on non agenda items-** Nicholas Arzio, Glenn Wood and Scott Kagawa in attendance. Nicholas Arzio introduced himself and asked for more information on the proposed Build Inc. Development, including number of dwelling units and parking spaces, and inquired about the City's inventory of opportunity sites formerly maintain on the City's website.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes** – Community member Arzio noted an error in the Meeting Minutes of April 17th stating that the March 20th meeting minutes had been approved; Lehman made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting from March 20th, 2014 and from April 17th, 2014 with amendments. Seconded by Horng Brawer. Unanimous.
- 4. Committee Work Plan for 2014/15-** Heard planning background from Alter and updated Economic Development Action Plan from Horng Brawer. Lehman wondered if the Committee had enough members to establish subcommittees and what the Brown Act requirements for subcommittees were. Heard from Community member Wood on Sebastopol examples to reference.
- 5. Committee Recruitment** – Community member Kagawa expressed his interest in joining the committee. Shrem moves to keep Recruitment process as submittal of City application and attendance at 3 meetings. Lehman seconds. Unanimous with the option to revisit at a later time. Community member Arzio requested more information on the maintenance of the Committee's roster.

Horng Brawer moves to extend meeting time to 9:35. Lehman seconds. Unanimous.

- 6. Announcements** –

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7. **Discussion of future committee actions and agenda items** –Community member Grager discussed the potential for Federal Planning Grant money to cover the costs of Economic Development Studies.
8. **Adjournment-** Hornig Brawer adjourned the meeting at 9:36pm.

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