

APPROVED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES
5:30 P.M.
MARCH 14, 2011
CITY OF DERBY
611 MULBERRY, DERBY, KANSAS

ROLL CALL

MARGARET FRITZLER
MARSHA VOLZ
BRENDA KNIPFER
DURRELL KELLEY

MEMBERS ABSENT

BEN SWIGART
PAULA LANGWORTHY

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Allison Moeding
Janae Prunier-Billman

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #1

RE: Approve minutes from January 10, 2011 meeting.

MOTION: Durrell moved to approve minutes as presented. Margaret seconded. Motion carried, 4-0. Ben and Paula absent.

Agenda Item #2

RE: Public Forum

No one was present to speak.

Agenda Item #3

RE: Review of Nelson Drive Traffic Study.

This agenda item was tabled until the April meeting.

Allison briefly reviewed the traffic study with the Board.

Marsha asked what prompted the study, was it the number of accidents?

Allison advised there are a few council members that have been particularly aware of the accident potential and have asked staff to look at that intersection for a number of years

to see what we can do to reduce the number of accidents. Over the years we have done a number of things to improve the intersection. We had applied for funding from KDOT to pay for this traffic study and they were kind enough to pay for that.

Agenda Item #4

RE: Nominations for Business Appreciation Month

Allison asked the Board if they had any suggestions for businesses to nominate.

Brenda suggested Oxford Holdings but thought maybe that would be a better nomination for next year.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Allison gave an update on the Oxford Holdings incentive request that went to the city council.

Marsha asked about the LakePoint project.

Allison advised they are looking for someone to finance their project so they can move ahead. The project will most likely be done all in one phase. They do still meet the time parameters in their agreement with the City.

Durrell asked about the old Dillon's building.

Allison advised that building gets more views every week than any other commercial building other than New Market Square on Wichita's commercial real estate website. People are looking at it but there are issues relating to the lease.

There was discussion about new businesses coming to town including Christopher and Banks, Cherry Berry Yogurt and a possible Olive Garden.

Agenda Item #5

RE: Chamber Update

Rhonda advised that Copperstone Apartments has been sold.

The City of Derby along with the Chamber and the school district are hosting a realtor luncheon tomorrow to introduce them to the Welcome Center.

The Chamber and the Senior Center will be having a food handler's class in the Austin Room on March 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.