

The Woodlands Township
AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday January 7, 2016
MINUTES

The Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on Thursday January 7, 2016 posted to begin at 8:30 a.m. The Committee meeting was held in a meeting room at the office of The Woodlands Township, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard; The Woodlands, Texas within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Committee Chairman Ed Robb and Township Directors John McMullan and Dr. Ann Snyder

STAFF ADVISORS: Director of Community Relations Nick Wolda; Assistant General Manager of Community Services John Powers; Assistant to the President Karen Dempsey; Assistant General Manager of Finance and Administration Monique Sharp; Township Attorney Robin Cross; and CVB Administrative Assistant Danielle Gatlin

Call to order; 8:37 a.m.

Chairman Ed Robb called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. There was a quorum of members present; the Committee proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda;

Motion made by Dr. Ann Snyder to adopt the agenda as presented. John McMullan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive, consider and act upon approval of the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting of the Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee;

Motion made by John McMullan to adopt the agenda as presented. Dr. Ed Robb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive and consider an update on construction of the Ice Rink at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion;

The committee reviewed the progress on the future home of the seasonal ice rink through a powerpoint provided by John Powers. The powerpoint showed the current state of the construction site as well as renderings of the building once completed. The committee members were given examples of the masonry block that will be used on the outside of the building. The building will be able to be divided into three areas with the use of partitions in

case of rentals when the building is not being used as an ice rink. The building will have 20,000 square feet of space and ice rink itself will be 60'x20' with additional room for staging, rentals and tables. The planned date for completion is April 29, 2016. Construction is on schedule. No motion necessary.

Receive, consider, and act upon Request for Proposal (RFP) for Cultural Arts Feasibility Study to be sent to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors for consideration;

The committee discussed the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the selection of a consultant. Dr. Snyder suggested the importance of destination of appeal and that the Town Center would be optimal placement. Dr. Robb agreed and pointed out that he feels the consultant will think the same way. The Woodlands Township board of Directors budgeted \$250,000. John McMullan would like to be sure that a study is brought in that will have a real chance of succeeding. Dr. Ed Robb brought up a study that was performed ten years ago proposing which types of Cultural Arts would be best for The Woodlands and that this is how the consultant can help. The committee will seek out the potential funding partners of the study and will bring to the February planning session. No motion necessary.

Receive, consider, and act upon meeting dates of the Economic Development Committee;

Nick Wolda presented the meeting dates for the 2016 year. They will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. The motion to approve the meeting dates of the Economic Development Committee was made by John McMullan and seconded by Dr. Ann Snyder.

Receive an update on development of a preliminary master plan for Township owned property as discussed during the Township's 2016 budget process;

Nick Wolda presented a handout from Township General Manager Don Norrell. Dr. Snyder inquired about the purchase of property on Grogan's Mill and Dr. Robb explained that the property has to have a purpose in mind for the governing body of The Woodlands. Mr. Powers explained to the members that in the budget process the Board presented the need for a clear vision of the use of the property. With the land having a building on it currently, Dr. Snyder asked about the time restriction on proceeding with demolition. Mr. Powers explained that there are no time restrictions. There is \$25,000 budgeted for this project this year. Dr. Robb discussed several uses for the property including City Hall, Cultural Arts facility, a jail or a combination of these three. No motion necessary.

The Committee recessed to Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss matters relating to real property pursuant to section 551.072, Texas Government Code; deliberation of economic development negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code; and to consult with The Woodlands Township's attorney concerning pending litigation pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

The Committee reconvened in public session at 10:38 a.m.

Consideration of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting;

None.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Chairman Robb to adjourn meeting. John McMullan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.