

The Woodlands Township
AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday August 4, 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 August 4, 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 77381 within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Committee Chairman Dr. Ed Robb; Committee Member John McMullan and Committee Member Dr. Ann Snyder

STAFF ADVISORS: Director of Community Relations Nick Wolda; Township President Don Norrell; Township Attorney Robin Cross; Assistant General Manager Community Services John Powers; Community Relations Manager Mary Connell; and CVB Administrative Assistant Danielle Gatlin

OTHER ATTENDEES: The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, Shannon Wilson

Call to order; 8:31 a.m.

Chairman Ed Robb called the meeting to order at 8:31 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 and Dr. Ed Robb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive, consider and act upon approval of the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting of the Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee;

Motion made by Dr. Ann Snyder to adopt the minutes and Dr. Ed Robb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee recessed at 8:34 a.m. to the Executive session with counsel, staff and/or affected third parties to discuss matters relating to real property, deliberation of economic development negotiations, discuss personnel matters, consult with The Woodlands Township attorney and discuss funding alternatives and potential agreements with other local, state and federal agencies.

The Committee recessed from Executive session at 8:36 a.m.

The Committee invited Shannon Wilson, The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, to discuss the scope of the project. Dr. Robb explained that the Committee has reviewed six (6) proposals for consideration of bringing a Cultural Arts Facility to The Woodlands. The Committee has always requested partners in the study, including the Center for Performing Arts at The Woodlands and Lone Star College system. Ms. Wilson expressed that she was attending the meeting to learn more about the process considered by the Township Economic Development Committee. Dr. Ann Snyder commented that The Woodlands Township has explored the options of other partnering groups for the study. Ms. Wilson asked about a timeframe for the entire process. Mr. Norrell explained the Committee will make a recommendation of a firm to The Woodlands Township's Board of Directors at a meeting in August.

The Committee went back into Executive session at 8:45 a.m.

The Committee reconvened in Public session at 8:54 a.m.

Receive, consider, and act upon recommending a consultant for a Cultural Arts Feasibility Study to be sent to The Woodlands Township Board of Directors for consideration;

Motion was made by Dr. Snyder that the committee recommends Gensler to lead the Cultural Arts Feasibility Study for The Woodlands Township and John McMullan seconded a caveat that the company is a fully independent contractor. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive, consider and act upon any other matters regarding Economic Development Committee initiatives;

None.

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

The decision was made to cancel the meeting on September 1, 2016. The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2016. Motion to approve Economic Development Committee meeting date set for October 6, 2016 was made by Dr. Snyder and seconded by John McMullan. This motion passed unanimously

Adjournment;

Motion made by Dr. Ann Snyder to adjourn meeting. John McMullan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

