

The Woodlands Township
AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday May 11, 2017
MINUTES

The Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on Thursday, May 11, 2017 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 Chair Dr. Ann Snyder, Committee Member John McMullan and Committee Member Brian Boniface.

STAFF ADVISORS: Director of Community Relations Nick Wolda; Township President Don Norrell; Township Assistant to the President, Karen Dempsey; Assistant General Manager Community Services John Powers; Community Relations Manager Mary Connell; and Administrative Assistant Danielle Gatlin.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Gensler, Jonathan Shelledy; Waterway Arts Council, Amy Lecocq; The Glade Gallery, Dragos Tapu; The Woodlands Community Member, Frances Alleman.

Call to order; 8:32 a.m.

Committee Chair Ann Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 John McMullan to adopt the agenda as presented and Brian Boniface seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive, consider and act upon minutes from March 2, 2017 meeting;

Motion made by John McMullan to adopt the minutes and Brian Boniface seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive and consider concept ideas from Glade Gallery Foundation representatives;

Committee Chair Ann Snyder introduced Dragos Tapu, Glade Gallery, to present. Mr. Tapu is starting a new foundation, the Glade Arts Foundation and will be leasing the former Homefinder Center on Woodlands Parkway. Glade Arts Foundation is a non-profit organization in The Woodlands, Texas that

provides a unique and accessible fine arts experience. The programs will include art education programs, community based public art projects along with a curated museum like exhibition center for local and international artists, as well as renowned art exhibits from acclaimed art collections. Glade Arts Foundation expects to begin construction this summer and open October 1, 2017. Committee Member McMullan asked if sponsorships are a one-time pay and Mr. Tapu answered that no they would be annual. Mr. Tapu hopes to build a relationship with The Township that will aid in the success of this foundation for The Woodlands community. Motion to approve concept ideas from Glade Arts Foundation passed unanimously.

Receive, consider and act upon matters related to the Cultural Arts Study;

Committee Chair Ann Snyder introduced Jonathan Shelledy of Gensler to update the Committee on the Cultural Arts Study. Mr. Shelledy explained that Phase One is almost complete and asked for any questions regarding the report that was presented at the last meeting. Mr. Shelledy presented a Cultural Arts Recommendations Matrix to the Committee. Gensler and Webb Management Services believes there is strong support in The Woodlands community for multiple projects and are recommending four leading options. The Committee asked staff to work with this consultant to bring back three main ideas to the next Committee meeting. Motion to approve matters for the Cultural Arts Survey passed unanimously.

Recess 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 personal matters, consult with The Woodlands Township attorney, and discuss funding alternatives and potential agreements with other local, state and federal agencies;

Recessed at 9:29 a.m.

Reconvene in Public Session; and take action on matters from Executive Session;

Reconvened at 9:43 a.m.

The Committee received, considered and acted upon a process to receive cultural and performing arts requests from the community;

The committee agreed that Township Community Relations Director, Nick Wolda and Committee Chair, Ann Snyder should receive requests for Cultural Arts offers for review. Motion to approve process to receive cultural and performing arts requests from the community was made by John McMullan and seconded by Brian Boniface. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The decision was made to meet on June 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Motion to approve Economic Development Committee meeting date set for June 1, 2017 was made by John McMullan and seconded by Brian Boniface. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda are for follow-up from Gensler about the matters for the Cultural Arts Survey.

Adjournment;

Motion made by John McMullan to adjourn meeting. Brian Boniface seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.