

The Woodlands Township
AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday August 3, 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, August 3, 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; Community Relations Manager Mary Connell; Assistant General Manager of Finance and Administration Monique Sharp; TWT Attorney Robin Cross and Administrative Assistant Danielle Gatlin.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jonathan Shelledy, Gensler; Rafael Scasserra, Gensler; by phone: Duncan Webb, Webb Management; Don Gemmell, Dynamo Dash Youth; Simon Boddison, Rush Soccer; Damon Palermo, Rush Soccer; Amy Lecocq, Waterway Arts Council and Mike Bass, Waterway Arts Council.

Call to order; 8:31 a.m.

Committee Chair Ann Snyder 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 Brian Boniface to adopt the agenda as presented and John McMullan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive, consider and act upon minutes from July 6, 2017 meeting;

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

Receive and consider a proposal from Rush Soccer Club (as requested by Rush officials);

The Committee received and considered a proposal from Rush Soccer Club (as requested by Rush officials). The Committee received a report from Rush Soccer, in conjunction with Houston Dynamo and

Houston Dash, regarding a proposed office/recreational building to be located at Bear Branch Park. Don Gemmell, Damon Palermo and Simon Boddison delivered a proposal requesting financial participation in a public/private nonprofit partnership. The Club proposes that The Woodlands Township develop a 7,600-square foot, two story community sports office building at Bear Branch Sports Complex – Field 7. Total cost for the building, as submitted, is approximately \$1.6 million. Committee members had much discussion and many questions and recommended the proposal be sent to the Township Board of Directors during the Budget Workshops. Motion to receive proposal from Rush Soccer Club was made by John McMullan and seconded by Brian Boniface. Motion passed unanimously.

Receive, consider and act upon Cultural Arts Study and Phase II implementation;

Committee Chair Ann Snyder introduced Jonathan Shelledy and Rafael Scasserra from Gensler, along with Duncan Webb (on phone conference) from Webb Management to present. The consultants presented a Program Analysis with two different concepts: Arts Center Program and Museum. Regarding the Arts Center Program, the consultants spoke of a large performance venue, small performance, multi-purpose venue, small exhibition spaces and shared space for activities including music, speakers, film, comedy, dance and more. Three different approaches for a Museum were presented, including Small (53,000 square feet), Medium (103,589 square feet) and large (149,413 square feet). More information will be developed and brought back to The Woodlands Township's Board of Directors at the August 17, 2017 meeting. No motion was made on this item.

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 9:36 a.m.

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

Back in public session at 10:07 a.m.

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

The decision was made to meet on August 17, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. with lunch provided. It was also decided to keep the September 7, 2017 meeting to address the Cultural District agenda item. Motion to approve Economic Development Committee meeting date set for August 17, 2017 was made by Committee Chair Ann Snyder and seconded by John McMullan. 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 to have an agenda item regarding matters for the Cultural Arts Study. The upcoming item regarding the Cultural Arts District will be scheduled on the agenda for the September meeting. There was also discussion regarding a tour of the facility in Sugarland on September 15, 2017.

Adjournment;

Motion made by Brian Boniface to adjourn meeting. John McMullan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.