

The Woodlands Township
AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
MINUTES

The Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 posted to begin at 4:30 p.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 and Committee Member Carol Stromatt.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Committee Member Bruce Rieser.

STAFF ADVISORS: The Woodlands Township President, Don Norrell; The Woodlands Township Director of Community Relations, Nick Wolda; The Woodlands Township Attorney, Robin Cross; The Woodlands Township Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Todd Stephens and The Woodlands CVB Sr. Administrative Assistant, Sonia Guerrero.

OTHER ATTENDEES: None.

1. Call to order;

Committee Chair Ann Snyder called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. There was a quorum of members present; the Committee proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

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

Motion to adopt agenda was made by Carol Stromatt and seconded by Ann Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment;

None.

4. Receive, consider and act upon minutes from April 18, 2019 meeting;

Motion made by Carol Stromatt to adopt the minutes, seconded by Ann Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Receive and consider an update on the Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural Arts District funds;

Todd Stephens updated the Committee stating that after monitoring the appropriations process for the cultural tourism program, he learned that during this budget cycle the Texas Commission on the Arts asked for \$670,000 dollars for base funding and an additional \$5 million for this program. The program has not had a strong support from the Legislature in previous years. In its 15 years of existence, the cultural tourism program has only been funded twice. Mr. Stephens also commented that currently there are 36 cultural designated districts in the state and applying for funding is an extensive process. The Legislature has until May 27, 2019 to finish this session and if it passes staff will continue to monitor the program's funding progress as it moves to the Governor's office.

6. 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 to Executive Session at 4:43 p.m.

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

Reconvened to Public Session at 5:03 p.m. The Committee took no action after Executive Session.

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

The decision was made to hold the next meeting on June 26, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Motion for the next meeting date of the Economic Development Committee was made by Carol Stromatt and seconded by Ann Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee considerations to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting include an update regarding Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural Arts District funds.

10. Adjournment;

Motion made by Ann Snyder to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol Stromatt. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.