

**The Woodlands Township**  
**AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 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, June 26, 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, Committee Member Bruce Rieser and Committee Member Carol Stromatt.

**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:** Jane Stueckemann, The Woodlands Villager and Jonathan Shelledy, Gensler.

**1. Call to order;**

Committee Chair Ann Snyder called the meeting to order at 4:35 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 Bruce Rieser and seconded by Ann Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment;**

None.

**4. Receive, consider and act upon minutes from May 22, 2019 meeting;**

Motion made by Bruce Rieser 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 explained that House Bill 1 was approved by the Senate and by Governor Abbott. The Texas Commission on the Arts received over \$28 million in funding and \$5 million will be available for the Cultural Arts District programs per year this following biennium. The deadline for year 2020 to be designated a Cultural Arts District has already passed. It was also noted that the application is labor intensive and the Committee needs to review the criteria before making any recommendations to the Township Board. Chair Snyder requested Mr. Stephens to discuss the viability of this initiative with Senator Brandon Creighton and Representative Steve Toth. Discussion followed.

*Committee Member Carol Stromatt arrived at 4:38 p.m.*

**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 4:51 p.m.

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

Reconvened to Public Session at 5:29 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 July 24, 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 guidelines for Cultural District Designation in Texas and an update regarding Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural Arts District funds.

**10. Adjournment;**

Motion made by Carol Stromatt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bruce Rieser. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.